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*"Wasn't that a time!"*

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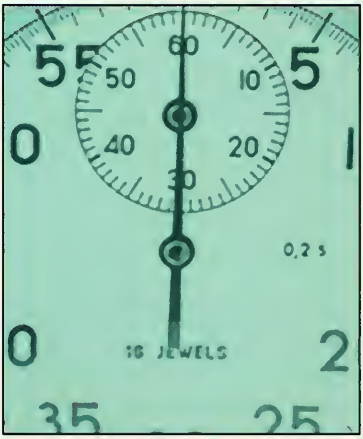
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# Theme

It was a time of learning--a time of exploraton, a time of personal discovery. We came to college hungry to achieve and four years later, we deem ourselves ready to set out on the sometimes bumpy road of life. It was a time during which we forged a lifetime's worth of friendships with classmates and teammates and studymates. It was a time in which we learned how much we still had to learn! We saw things and did things we had only dreamed about in our sheltered secondary schools. Here at St. Joseph's College we found our personal proving ground--a forge upon which we were tempered and battered into shape through many hours of hard work, finally to emerge from the fiery furnace as graduates. It was our experiences here that shaped us into who we are. Wasn't that a time!

Time to get involved

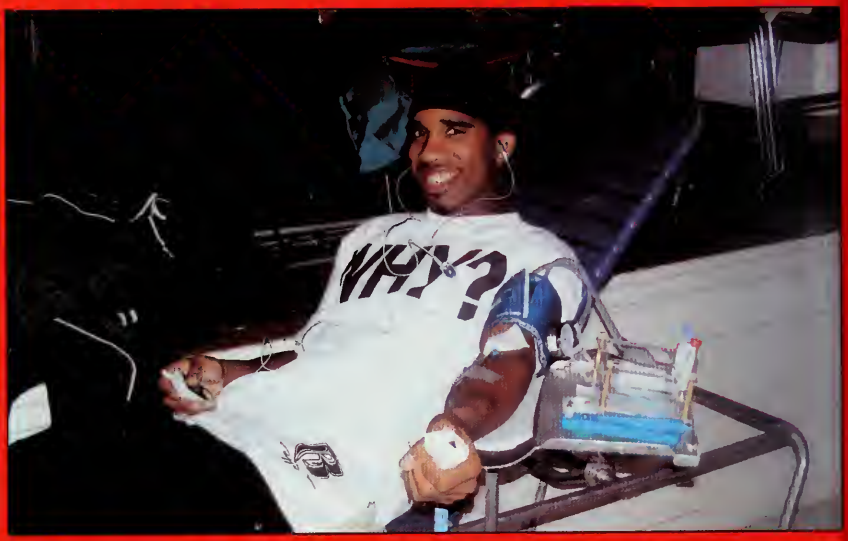
Checking out bygone times

# Theme

**A time to give.** For some of us, giving meant rolling up your sleeves and donating a pint of blood so that others could live. Dane Bruce can even give with a smile knowing that his blood will be put to very good use (photo below).

**Killing time.** A break between classes, no tests on the horizon and a beautiful day. It's time to sit outside of Burns Hall and chat somebody up on the cell phone before the grind resumes (photo below left).

**Wrong place at the wrong time.** As if parking weren't bad enough! When we saw this sign, a movie was being shot–and we were in real trouble for a parking space (photo below right).



**Culture Time.** During the year, the Council for the Arts presented numerous exhibitions by notable artists and faculty members. Each gallery opening presented us with new and exciting cultural insights (photo left).

**It's that time again!** Every St. Patrick's Day, the Gaelic Society pulls out all the stops on campus to celebrate the 'wearin' of the green' and that includes an authentic piper for the festivities (photo below).

**Step in Time.** The Royal Steppers Dance Team entertained at Orientation and throughout the term (above).

**Lunch time.** Right in the middle of the day, when we really felt the hunger pangs, we could rely on a tasty and inexpensive meal at the school cafeteria (photo left).

# Theme

**First Timers.** We remembered how strange it felt as freshmen, so many of us helped out as Orientation Leaders to ease the transition for newcomers to St. Joe's (photo above).

**Secure time.** Security Officers like James Lackey are unobtrusive, but they keep us safe, checking IDs and being vigilant (photo above).

**A Time to Listen.** Guest speakers and lecturers are a part of the process of learning at SJC. Students listen intently to an art history lecture in the Alumni Room (photo far left).

**Snack time.** When you have to combine food with studying, grab a bite and head to one of the lounges (photo left).

**Time to go.** It's the end of the day, you grab your books from your locker and head for the bus or subway (photo below).

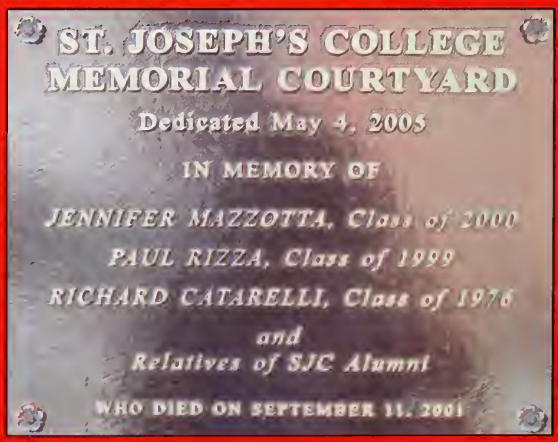
**Practice time.** It takes hours of practice and dedication for the Dance Team to ready its routines for home basketball games (photo above).

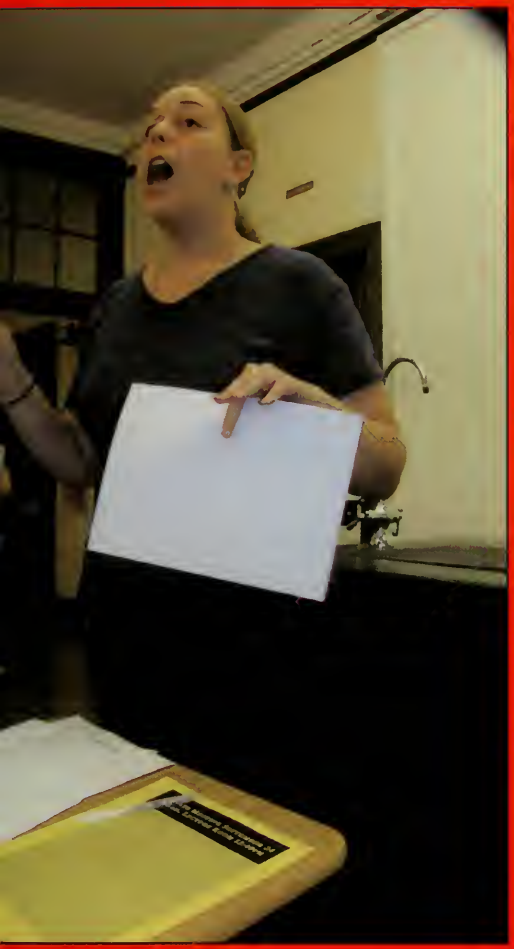
**A time to be plantin'.** It takes a lot of manpower to repair the ravages of the winter on campus. Each year the custodial staff plants anew and beautifies where we learn and work (photo left).

# Theme

**Crunch Time.** When midterms come around and the clock was ticking, we used every moment we had to study, like Senior Gina Khan does in the library (photo above).

**Frozen in time.** Some things can never be forgotten. Three alumni lost amongst the three thousand. Three of our own–forever remembered in the Memorial Courtyard of St. Angela Hall and remembered in our hearts as well (photo right).





**A time to speak.** Representing the senior class, Andrea Rosado speaks about plans for Senior Spirit Days at the monthly Student Senate meeting. The senate acts on all recommendations for student activities and programs (photo left).

**Rack time.** It gets a bit much at times, doesn't it? When that happens, what else is there to do but find a snug corner of the lounge in Tuohy Hall and grab some zzzzz's. You wake up refreshed and ready for the next challenge (photo below).

**A time for help.** Professor Dorothy King of the English Department assists some students in English Composition in the Academic Center. The center was established to provide tutoring in a wide variety of subject areas, particularly, but not exclusively, for freshmen to help ease their transition process from high school to college. Peer tutors as well as faculty members were on duty all week long in the Academic Center (photo above).

**Workout time.** In our junior year, SJC opened its Cardio-Fitness center in the lower level of Tuohy Hall. The fitness center is a state of the art facility with treadmills, stair steppers, free weights and more, designed so that students and staff alike can keep fit and trim during the school year. Adrien Midgely works on his forearms with free weights during a break from classes (photo left).

# Theme

**Where did all the time go?** It's the most famous building in Brooklyn. It's the Williamsburg Bank Building, and it's a historic landmark–at least it was until the bank sold it to private interests for the purpose of building luxury condominiums. As part of the renovation process, the four largest clocks in Brooklyn, visible for miles around, were sheathed in black construction canvas and hidden from view. What little skyline Brooklyn had, was reduced to an unsightly bandaid on a once-proud building (photo above).

**Swing time.** The SJC Jazz Ensemble, founded by senior John Castaldo, has become one of the premier performing groups on campus as it enters its fourth year of existence. S. Mary Calfapietra on trumpet and Mike Multari on tenor sax swing out at the annual Christmas concert (photo below).

**A time to lead.** Before becoming an Orientation Leader, candidates go through an extensive training program readying them to help the incoming freshman class (photo below).

**Play time.** Whether it was at orientation or spring carnival, there was always time for fun and games on the mall and the limbo was just one of those games (photo middle below).

**The bleak time.** The clothing is as heavy as the weather. Winter--dark, dreary, never-ending (photo left).

**A time to cheer.** Appearing at every basketball home game, the SJC Dance Team cheers and raises the enthusiasm of home crowds in support of the Bears and Lady Bears (photo above).

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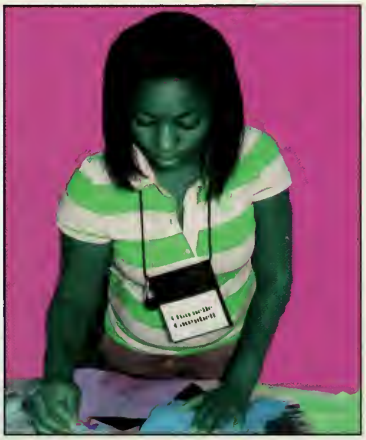
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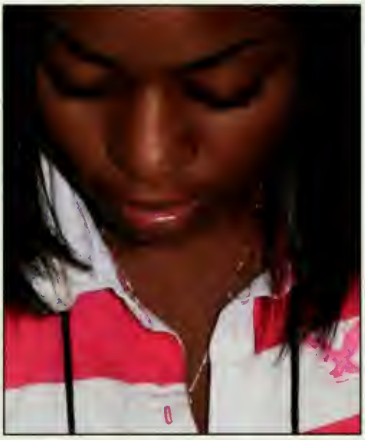

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# Student Life

Enough activities to last a lifetime! Or at lest for a college career! Student life at St. Joe's was all about *our* time--our time away from the classroom and the studying that was our academic *raison d'etre.* Even as freshmen we were amazed at just how many different activities the college offered to us: clubs, teams, publications, entertainment, the arts. And as we matured and participated even more in on-campus events, we became more aware of the possibilities of student life--the opportunities to serve others through charitable and benevolent works, the chance to make new friends, to take part in things we never even considered as freshmen. We look back on how we spent our free time in student activities and realize that it was amongst the greatest times of our lives.

SGA Officers at work

Freshman Barbecue on the Mall

*Planning, implementing, decision-making, leading. These are the four hallmarks of a good*

# Student Government

When you think about it, being an officer in the Student Government of St. Joseph's College carries with it numerous duties and responsibilities.

The SGA council has the task of dividing a substantial sum of money amongst over 50 different campus activities, providing them with operating funds for the year.

Under the supervision of Sherrie VanArnam, Director of Co-Curricular Programs, the SGA also constitutes the SJC Senate and meets regularly with representatives of each organization to discuss plans, charter new clubs and discuss issues relevant to every student on the Brooklyn campus.

Activity planning, in conjunction with the Campus Activities Board, is also a major duty of the student government. Providing the campus with a wide variety of speakers, common hour activities, musical groups, comedians, poets and special guests is one of the major tasks that confront the officers each term.

The students elected to SGA learn leadership skills that enable them to maximize their effectiveness and persuasiveness in getting the students on the Brooklyn campus to become involved with SJC programs.

Easy? Not by a long shot--but for SGA, making the difficult happen is all in a day's work.

"The SGA is composed of all students who pay the prescribed student activities fee. It is vested with all the powers granted by the faculty to the student body."

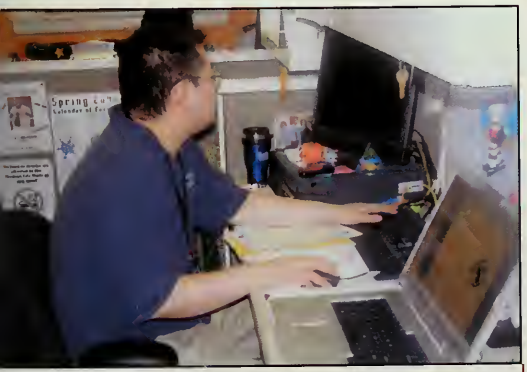
## Views from the Top

Student government is an important thing on a college campus because they provide leadership and direction to student life, linking students to the administration.
**–Sherrie VanArnam**

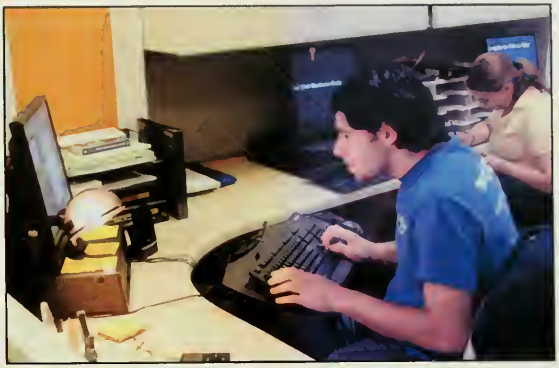
The SGA is the voice of the student body. They ensure that all students are happy and that their needs are met. They are the reason "Student Life" is at SJC.
**–Jaime Vacca-Hoefner**

SGA president Adam Mace calls a meeting of the senate to order. The agenda is projected on the board behind him (photo above right).

Christian Jocelyn, Off-campus Events Coordinator, puts meeting notices in club mailboxes (photo right).



New SJC employee and alum Qi Bin Li keeps busy in Student Life helping organize and plan major events.



Adam Mace discovers that it takes hours of planning to organize events and prepare a working agenda for council and senate meetings.

Senate meetings are an opportunity for representatives of all campus activities to come together to exchange ideas and admit new organizations into the roster of clubs.

Officers frequently gather around the meeting table in Student Life to 'brainstorm' new ideas and programs.

# Footprints lives by the clock.

# Deadlines

## The staff is ruled by the dates on the calendar.

There's a song from the famous musical, *The Pajama Game,* called "Racing With the Clock." That more or less embodies what yearbook staffs confront each year as they must meet strict publication deadlines--or risk a late arrival of the book.

The pressure starts in March--a full year before the book is published. During that month, design concepts, page allotments, themes and other concepts are explored. The rest of the spring is used for theme section photography and spring sports.

By September, the book has been designed, and now it is up to the editors-in-chief to see that individual pages are produced in timely fashion.

Photography, copy, captioning, headlining--the entire litany of steps that must be followed to produce a single 'spread'--each one must be followed meticulously to avoid errors.

And contrary to what another song lyric says, time is *never* on your side. It's a non-stop and often exhausting race to turn in pages on time, return proofs, sell ads, recruit new staff--and the list goes on.

"You sometimes think it's just too much," said Chrissy Ament, "but when you work together as a team, the result is always a book that we all can be proud of," she added.

Graphics editor-in-chief and whiz kid on the computer, Ashley Pucciarelli designs all the effects for *Footprints 2008* (photo above).

Assistant editor Deana Elsayed hones her design skills as she works on a layout at the light table in the Publications Office (photo above).

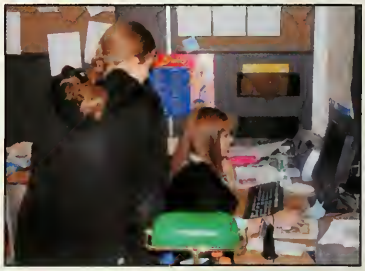


Photo editor Svetlana Medvedeva and graphics chief Ashley Pucciarelli clean up a photo in Adobe Photoshop 7 (photo above).

## And a few words from the Adviser...

I have been extremely fortunate since coming to St. Joe's to have had the pleasure of working with terrific publication staffs. The fact that we have won three straight First Place Awards in national journalism competitions is a great testimony to their hard work and dedication to publishing the very best yearbooks possible. As my seniors graduate, I realize how sorely they will be missed and what they have meant to the Publications Department at St. Joseph's College. **–Dr. Howard Weiner, Adviser**

At regularly scheduled meetings, the staff of *Footprints 2008* assembles to discuss layouts, upcoming events, spreads in progress and share any other problems that have occurred in meeting deadlines. Dr. Weiner begins the meeting showing the staff the national journalism award that *Footprints 2007* won. From that point on, the editors-in-chief take over the meeting and delegate the various tasks that will have to be accomplished in the next few weeks (photo below).

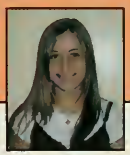
Editor-in-chief Tara Vafiadou helps Photography Editor Bala Huseinovic choose photos for *Footprints 2008*. Nearly 3000 pictures will be taken for the yearbook, and of those, only about 200 will make the final selection process (photo above).

Once photographs have been selected, they must be cropped and sized to fit a particular spot in a layout. Staff member Lori Bastien uses the rotary cutter to get a precise fit before the layout goes to final pre-shipping checking (photo above).

# Chiefly Speaking

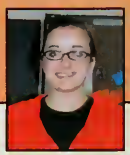
I know that when I hold the finished *Footprints 2008* in my hands, and I can say, "I did this--I made it happen," that it will be a great and proud moment for me. I've had so many chances as the editor-in-chief to have input into the nature of the book. As a senior, I will leave St. Joe's with pride in what I did.

**Christina Ament**



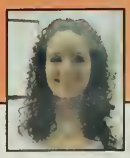
The thing that has meant the most to me as the editor-in-chief is the freedom I have to be creative. I am given almost total autonomy to create the most interesting layouts and effects that I can for the yearbook and for the last two years, I've been able to let my imagination run wild.

**Ashley Pucciarelli**



There comes a time in your life when you have to find out if you have what it takes to be a leader. As editor-in-chief of *Footprints* for the last two years, I have learned how to delegate many responsibilities and give direction to my peers. You cannot put a pricetag on the lessons that I have learned.

**Angela Romeo**



# Midday Madness

## A Time to Show Your Colors

When the leaves are all gone and the late autumn breezes blow, it's then that the campus needs a bit of Midday Madness to get it through the bleak winter!

Think of it as the 'Rite of Autumn.' Midday Madness, the heralding of the start of the varsity basketball seasons, has become a campus tradition at St. Joe's that is enjoyed by students and staff alike.

Patterned on the 'Midnight Madness' of big time basketball schools, the SJC version sees the introduction of the Men's and Women's Basketball Team members and their coaches. The teams put on a warmup and shooting exhibition for the huge crowd that lines the galleries to watch.

Entertainment was provided by the Dance Team and the SJC Royal Steppers StepTeam, both of whom will perform at each home game throughout the season.

Colorful, exciting, fun--it's an afternoon of pure 'Madness!'

The Dance Team, complete with pom poms, performed one of their intricate dance numbers for the Midday Madness crowd (photo above).

SJC's Royal Steppers Step Team had a chance to strut their stuff with some of the routines they will perform this year (photo above).

The SJC Men's Basketball Team huddles up before putting on their annual passing and shooting exhibition (photo right).

# Just how mad was it?

I thought that Midday Madness was a lot of fun this year. In fact, I thought it was more fun than last year's. I also really like the lilghting effects that they used throughout the afternoon. It made everything look very professional and special.
**–Cassandra Side**

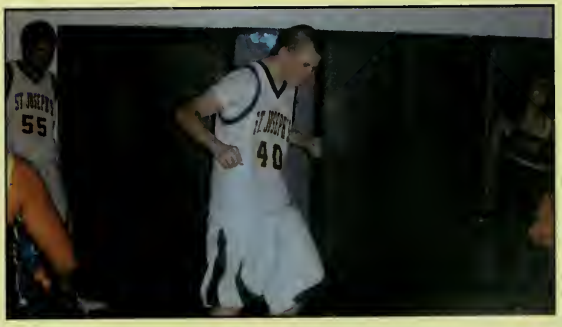
I thought Midday Madness was crazy! It was hectic, colorful and noisy. I really enjoyed all the enthusiasm and support that the students showed for the various teams that appeared. I know it meant a lot to the teams and they really appreciated it.
**–Tara Gleason**

As a major planner of Midday Madness along with Christian Branch, we tried to set new standards for school spirit at SJC. It was time to reset the bar for this annual event and we hope that the energy of this tradition continues at SJC for many, many years to come.
**–Mike Barthelemy**

Compared to last year, this year's Midday Madness was terrific. It was a big improvement over last year in terms of participation and energy. I feel it was well-executed, diverse and all-in-all, a great deal of fun for all those who attended.
**–Wynee Ganthier**

As usual, there was no lack of fan parcipation in Midday Madness. Hudreds of students lined the galleries to meet and greet the teams as the varsity season began.

Before the serious business of conference competition began, the members of the basketball teams, Dance Team and Royal Steppers gathered for a group moment.




Each member of the Men's and Women's Basketball Teams was introduced to the crowd before the shooting and passing exhibitions began. Mike Dziewit takes to the court.

# Publishing the newspaper simply means keeping up--

# The Spirit

It's an aptly named publication. The staff believes that it captures 'the spirit' of the college in its activities, events and personalities. And it takes a true 'spirit' of teamwork to bring any given edition to fruition.

The cooperation between editors, reporters, photograpers and adviser is in the truest team spirit. The goal is a common one: to be the best. The newspaper's three consecutive national award winning years shows how that goal has been met.

But there is also the spirit of inquiry, of learning, of mastering a craft, that pervades the newspaper. Most staff members come to publications with little or no experience. They are trained, taught, overseen--and in a short time, they have made their 'bones' as journalists.

"It's an amazing transformation that these kids undergo," said Director of Publications Dr. Howard Weiner. "They start knowing nothing--and by the end of their run, they are the ones telling *me* what needs to be done and the best way to do it."

That's *The Spirit!*

T paper doesn't do much good unless it is read. Staffer Marcia Desrosiers puts a copy into every faculty member's mailbox (photo above).

T he proof of *The Spirit's* popularity is that it is seen all over campus being read by students, faculty and staff members alike photo right).

S ometimes all the hard work pays off. EditorTara Vafiadou and staff reporter Ashley Pucciarelli display *The Spirit's* third national award (above center).

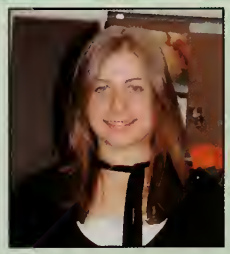
Publications Adviser Dr. Howie Weiner reviews the 'beat sheet' with editor-in-chief Tara Vafiadou (photo far left).

Editor-in-chief Christina Ament proofreads the 'dummy' prior to it going to press. She has spent four years as editor-in-chief of *The Spirit* (photo left).

Freshman layout editor Kasia Topczewska trims the galleys prior to pasting up articles on the layout sheets, one of the final steps before going to press (photo top right).

Editor-in-chief Tara Vafiadou crops a photo for the December edition of *The Spirit* (photo above).

# Editorializing



**Christina Ament**

It's bittersweet to be a senior and say goodbye to the position I have held for four years, but I know *The Spirit* will continue to be a great newspaper when I'm gone.

**Tara Vafiadou**

This year has been our best so far. We had our largest staff and many were freshmen who really got into the routine of being a college journalist surprisingly quickly.

**Angela Romeo**

As a future high school English teacher, I am now gaining first-hand knowledge of what it will be like to correct and edit student papers, which is a very important skill for me to have.

# Honors Induction & Investiture

It is always an impressive ceremony when the new freshman class is formally invested as members of the SJC community. It was no different for the Class of 2011.

A procession of students in gowns, the presentation of their tassels, the speeches of welcome from S. Elizabeth Hill, president of the college, and Dr. Susan Hudec, Dean of Students, all contributed to the dignity of the occasion.

Keynote speaker Dr. Phillip Dehne of the History Department spoke about values and the importance of the school's motto, *Esse, non videre,* as an ideal to strive for in a student's life and education.

Following the investiture, the members of the Student Government Association, CAB and the club presidents were introduced as role models that incoming students could hope to emulate.

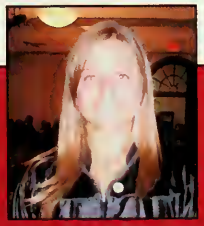
Finally, for seniors it was the big moment: induction into the various honor societies on campus. Membership is exclusive in Delta Epsilon Sigma and Sigma Iota Chi, the national and college academic honor societies.

Membership is determined not only by grade point average, but by contributions that a student has made in extracurricular programs at the college.

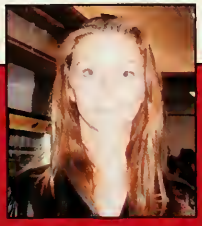
Investiture and Induction is planned by S. Margaret Buckley, the Academic Dean of SJC. Family and friends were also in attendance to appreciate the many accomplishments of SJC students both new and old.

It's a time of great pride for senior John Castaldo who ascends the stage to be inducted into one of St. Joseph's three honor societies. His academic achievements over three years earned him election (photo above).

## How do you feel about being inducted into one of St. Joseph's honor societies?



This is a very special honor for me and I feel very good about it. I've worked hard for four years and I know that my family and myself are both proud of being chosen for the honor society.
**–Christina Ament**



I feel honored to have been chosen for the honor society. I think I've earned it and I am thrilled to share this honor with my family and everyone else who was present at the Honors Induction ceremony
**–Mirljinda Krivca**

The Honors Induction part of Investiture is one of the most highly respected things on the SJC campus. That makes it especially meaningful for me to have been elected to the honor society.
**–Anthony Catalonotti**

It's awesome! The blood, sweat and tears that I put into my education to excel in my classes and become my own person have finally paid off. This is a fantastic honor and achievement for me.
**–Carlos Pimental**

# CEREMONIAL SCENES

The pageantry and ceremony of Investiture and Induction stresses the traditional values of the college. The introduction of the members of the student government and councils serves to show the connection between the new students and those who have come before them and achieved positions of responsibility and decision-making. The Honors Induction serves as inspiration to all SJC students to achieve greatness.

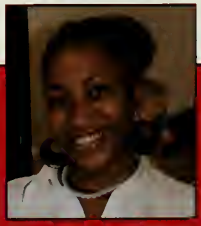
Though the principal speakers at Investitute kept their remarks brief, they were nonetheless significant in their meaning. The importance of academic achievement and the stressing of the school's motto: *Esse non videre*---*To be, not to seem*--was of vital importance to incoming freshmen, who quickly found out that life at St. Joseph's is about reaching and surpassing personal goals.

Members of the freshman class finally arrive at the moment they have been awaiting: official recognition as a member of the St. Joseph's College community. Each freshman ascended the stage and had their academic hoods placed over their gowns as a symbol of that acceptance into a brother and sisterhood of hard-working and achieving undergraduates who would aim high during the next four years.

This is the second time that I have been inducted into Sigma Iota Chi honor society. I am proud and honored to be here tiwce and hope to strive to achieve excellence in all that I do in the future.
**–Carissa Cancemi**

This gives me a sense that all three years of hard work have really paid off in terms of recognition, not just in academics, but also in extra-curriculars where I could share in the talents of others.
**–John Castaldo**

It feels great to be installed as a member of SGA for the third consecutive year. I will give it my all and do my best to serve the community once again during this entire school year at St. Joe's.
**–Schaeffer Charles**



What can one feel but proud and honored to be elected to the honor society at a school like St. Joseph's College? I have worked hard for this and hope to continue my success this academic year.
**–Carelle Cherebin**

In the Counseling Center, students in every year of school get to use the computers to find information on internships, graduate programs and jobs that are suitable for their majors. Frank LaTerra helps a student in her job search (photo above).

Whether it is a resume or cover letter or even a student's job application, Assistant Director of Counseling Lily Shmulevich will take the time to review it with a student and help to improve it, giving a job-seeker the best chance at getting a position (photo above).

Lily Shmulevich handles many of the responsibilities of the Counseling Center from day-to-day interaction with students to planning job fairs and employment seminars. She also provides one-on-one advice to students in need of personal assistance (photo above).

# Facing the Future

Along with its attendant joys, senior year brings a good deal of stress to those who are facing graduation. The problem? Entering the work place.

How do you find a job in your major? Where do you look? What's the best way to write a resume? How do you manage to wangle an inteview with a company you really want to work for--and you are only 21 years old competing with people who have been in the business world for decades?

These, and many more questions, are the issues that Frank LaTerra and Lily Shmulevich, Director and Assitant Director of Counseling Services, deal with on a daily basis.

Frantic seniors who have never worked at anything more than a deli, now want a job at a *Fortune* 500 corporation. To students who have had the relative security and comfort of college for four years, the prosepects seem daunting.

But both Frank and Lily help them in job searches, polishing their resumes, coaching them on interviewing techniques--and generally helping to ease the strain of that fateful last semester.

A visit to Counseling Services can go a long way to putting soon-to-be graduates on the right path to finding work.

Having difficulties in adjusting to college? Any personal problems? Need a job? Show up at Counseling Services and they will direct you to where you can get help (photo right).

Behind closed doors is where confidential help is given. A counselor with years of experience, Frank LaTerra has helped hundreds of SJC students solve their problems (photo far right)

During the school year, Director of Counseling Services Frank LaTerra leads several seminars on job skills such as resume writing and interviewing techniques to help seniors deal with finding jobs after graduation (photo left).

Work? Graduate school? A little of both? These are some of the questions facing seniors each spring. The Counseling Center has numerous graduate school bulletins and guides as well as application forms for exams such as the GRE, LSAT and MCAT (photo below).

# So now what do you do?

I plan to attend graduate school so that I can obtain my MBA degree. I want to pursue a career in finance, but I also would like to have a career in writing as a sidelight to my actual job.
**–Thea DePaola**

After I graduate from St. Joe's, I hopefully will be able to earn a Master's degree in Theater Education. I also plan on actively pursuing a career as a professional actor.
**–Adam Mace**

I have several goals in mind once I have graduated from college. I want to work full-time at an accounting firm and I would also like to start graduate school for an MBA in finance.
**–Sabrina Esposito**

Once I have completed my Bachelor's degree, I want to use the skills I learned at St. Joseph's College to start a new career in either the banking field or in accounting.
**–Moses Cruz**

# Student Services

## *A Place to Meet, Join--and Belong*

If Tuohy Hall is the focal point of St. Joseph's college, then Room 101, the Student Life Center, is the very heart of the campus.

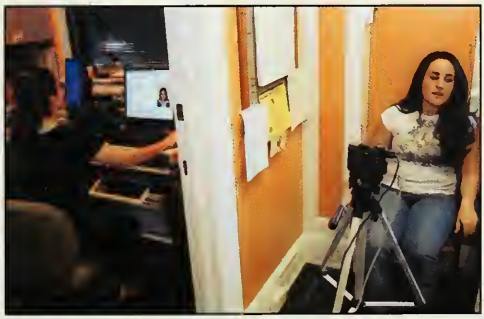
Not only is it the headquarters for the Student Government and Campus Activity Board, but it is also where students come on a daily basis to learn about the many extracurricular programs at SJC, upcoming events, guest speakers and just to ask general questions about school life.

Sherrie VanArnam, Director of Co-Curricular Activities at the college, presides over a staff of students and assistants who plan virtually every major activity that occurs on the campus from Orientation through Commencement. She administers a variety of budgets that help to fund every-thing from sports teams to publications to individual clubs.

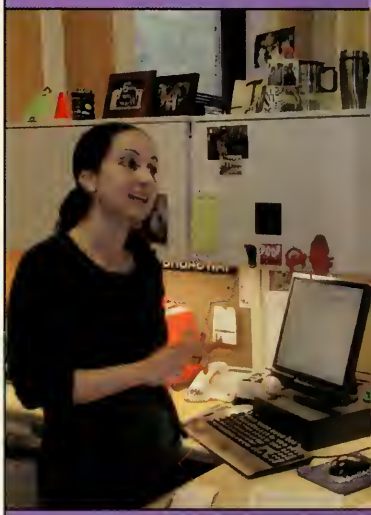
Student Life is also the birthplace of many of the charitable events and fundraisers that take place on campus, and it is the innovative incubator where new clubs and activities are formed.

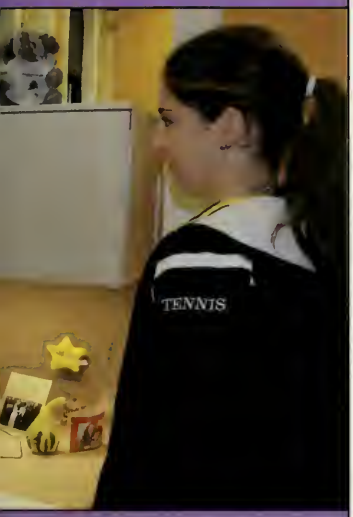
At one time or another, almost every SJC student has occasion to visit Student Life and take advantage of the many services that it puts at the disposal of the college community.

The start of a new school year is a busy time in the Student life Center as freshmen must have their photographs taken for their ID's which they carry on campus at all times (photo right).

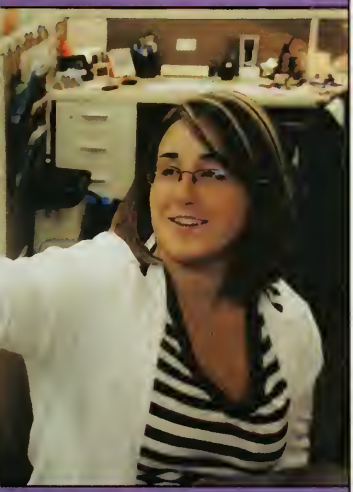


Her title may have changed over the years, and her job description might have expanded considerably, but Sherrie VanArnam, Director of Co-Curricular Programs, still brings the same energy and dedication to the job, advising the Student Government, planning activities, coordinating events and being involved in virtually every extracurricular activity at St. Joseph's College.






The place to go on campus to get questions answered about getting involved in the numerous activities at SJC is the Student Life Center. Assistant to the Director of Co-Curricular Activities, Jaime Vacca-Hoefner, fields questions as a part of her regular day's work (photo left).



A lengthy stream of bulletins, flyers and other communiques comes out of the Office of Student Life in order to keep the 550+ students on the Brooklyn campus aware of upcoming activities and meetings (photo left).

The Dean of Students, Dr. Susan Hudec, is involved in all of the activities associated with the Student Life Center (photo far left).

Officers of the SGA maintain their own workspaces to do the work associated with their positions (photo left).

I am in the Student Life Center on a regular basis because I am the president of the Hispanic Awareness Club. I check my mailbox and have conversations with Sherrie VanArnam, the Director of Student Life at St. Joseph's College.
**–Christopher Cosme**

As an undergraduate, I went to the Student Life Center often as the editor-in-chief of the yearbook. Now, as an Alumni Relations Officer, I go there to attend meetings during which we plan Alumni events.
**–Samantha Saines**

I go to the Student Life Center to check the activity mailboxes for the Gaelic Society. I also ask Sherrie questions about upcoming events and I use the Student Life Center for Computer Club activities.
**–Keara Browne**

I like going to the Student Life Center because it is a very hospitable and comfortable place to be.
**–Yliane Ulloa**

# HALLOWEEN BASH

Must've been something in the air (or the water), because the 2007 edition of Halloween Bash not only attracted a record number of students, but it also established a benchmark for the number of costume-wearers.

Dozens of students showed off their creativity in the cafeteria on Halloween day by wearing elaborate and often absurdly funny costumes. The traditional witches, ghosts and pirates were well-represented, but other, more inventive costumes were also in evidence.

There was also the very popular pumpkin-carving contest and music and food for all.

Planned by SGA and CAB, the Halloween Bash has become a major on-campus fall activity that breaks some of the strain of midterm exams.

"When I came to my first Halloween Bash as a freshman, I thought it was a lot of fun," said sophomore Marcia Desrosiers, "but this year's was even bigger and better," she added.

So the spooks and ogres found yet another reason to celebrate life at St. Joseph's College.

The jack-o-lantern has been a major symbol of Halloween for over a thousand years. There were some very fancy carved and painted ones at this year's bash (above).

The pumpkin carving contest brought out the artistic side of SJC students who busied themselves making clever and frightening creations for prizes awarded by CAB and SGA (photo top center).

That's one fancy hat for a campus witch--and it even looks like a candy corn (photo above).

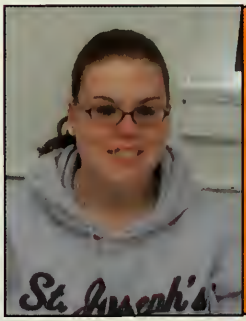
Career path? Or just wishful thinking? Ask R.J. Marriello in the surgical scrubs! (photo right).

Were they costumes or just pranks? An entire group of party-goers wrapped themselves in toilet tissue before coming to the party (photo above).

Meanwhile, over at the Dillon Child Study Center, Early Childhood majors helped the pre-schoolers celebrate with various seasonal arts and crafts projects (photo above).

This was fun because we got to see everyone dress up and get into the Halloween spirit. There were some great costumes this year and I loved the tons of candy that was available and the super decorations (I did them)!
**–Rhomesia Ramkellowan**

This was my first Halloween Bash and I thought it was terrific. I loved Robert's impersonation of Johnny Depp the most! I also thought that the music was terrific and that the whole atmosphere was very festive.
**–Nina Zito**




The Halloween Bash was "spook-tacular!" I really enjoyed all of the unique contests that were held and the terrific music. The pumpkin-carving contest really demonstrated very creative SJC students can be. I can't wait till next year!
**–Jaclyn Verbil**

Talk about a bash! People were all dressed up in great costumes, and the contests were super. I liked the mummy wrapping, the pumpkin carving and the trivia contest. This was the best Halloween Bash ever.
**–Robert Marriello**

It wasn't exactly the Carribean, but there were still loads of pirate costumes this year (photo left center).

Separated at birth? No, it's just Liz Afre and Kaloutie Taltoo celebrating Twin Day with identical outfits (photo above).

On Jersey Day, participants got to display support for their favorite teams, both professional and collegiate (photo above).

No, Senior Representative Christina Ament did not get up too early and sleepily fish around in the bottom of her closet for footwear. She is simply participating in Mix and Match Day with two kinds of sneakers. One of the organizers of Senior Spirit Days, she pronounced them "an unqualified success" (photo above).

St. Joseph's Day was also Wear the Colors Day. Members of the senior class proudly displayed their blue and gold in honor of the school's colors. While the weather was still warm in the fall, seniors gathered on the mall near Dillon Center for some hijinx and photo ops (photo below).

The ultimate in comfort wear? Possibly. But participants in Pajama Day will swear that except for not having pockets, the PJs were super comfy (below).

# Senior Spirit Days

There are no pep rallies, no homecoming galas with parades, floats and marching bands, there is no stadium with a card section and sideline acrobatic yell kings and queens.

How then does one engender that most elusive of academic qualities--school spirit?

At commuter schools, it is difficult; at very small school like St. Joseph's College, it is perhaps, even harder.

In an attempt to reverse the feelings of jaded nonchalance, the Senior Representatives came up with the idea of Senior Spirt Days--a series of days in which members of the senior class would dress or otherwise behave oddly in an attempt to show a sense of unity amongst class members.

Mix and Match Day, Pajama Day, Athletic Jersey Day, Twins Day and St. Joe's Logo Day were amongst the more colorful of the nine senior days held during the 2007-2008 school year.

But did it work?

"I already had a lot of spirit for St. Joe's," said Senior Rep Christina Ament, "but I also think that those who participated in the spirit days had a lot of fun doing it," she added.

Senior Svetlana Medvedeva said of the Spirit Days, "I got to photograph all the Spirit Days and people looked pretty funny all dressed up. I don't know how they rode the subways and buses dressed like that."

Who knows? Maybe a precedent has been set for the Class of 2009.

# Senior Night

## *A gala evening of near-goodbyes*

As the seniors of the Class of 2008 partied the night of May 9th away, it was not lost on some of them that except for graduation, Senior Night would be the last time they would gather together as a group.

With the end of their St. Joseph's College careers in sight, the seniors celebrated their achievements and reveled in their identities as 'almost graduates.'

Awards were presented to deserving seniors, amongst them plaques recognizing some of them as members of *Who's Who in American Colleges.*

Favors commemorating the evening were also provided for every senior.

Organized by the Office of Student Life under the direction of Sherrie VanArnam, the three Senior Reps, Christina Ament, Andrea Rosado and Cassandra Seide, planned the event, chose the theme, decorations, favors and program.

"I'm very sad to be leaving St. Joe's, but I'm glad we could make an evening as festive as this for our classmates and families," said Ms. Ament.

The ceremonies were followed by a lavish buffet dinner with cocktails and a variety of desserts.

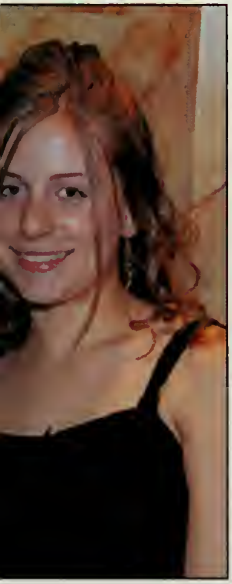
By the end of the evening, there remained little else to do but look just past the horizon, when the class would line up for graduation.

The entire class assembled together to sing a song chosen for its meaningfulness for the seniors. The song chosen was "Unwritten" by Natasha Benenfield (photo above).

Cassandra Seide (left) and Christina Ament (right) were two of the Senior Represent-atives who planned Senior Night along with Senior Rep Andrea Rosado (photo right).

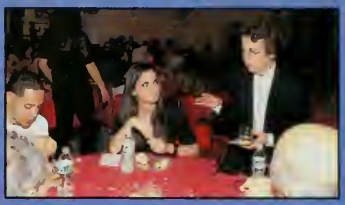
Jaime Vacca-Hoefner, Assistant to the Director of Co-Curricular Activities, presents Melissa Palermo with her award certificate. Members of the senior class received both special awards and for some, cerrtificates of membership in "Who's Who in American Colleges" (left).

Keynote speaker for the evening was Dr. Stanley Nevins of the Philosophy Department. One of the themes of his address was "Learn to love and Love to Learn." He also commended the seniors upon their achievements as a class (photo below).



Professor George Fasano of the Business Department presents Richard Cardillo with his award for meritorious achievement in the field of business (photo above).

## Senior Snaps



S. Elizabeth Hill, President of St. Joseph's College, table hops and greets the seniors, their families and guests (photo above).

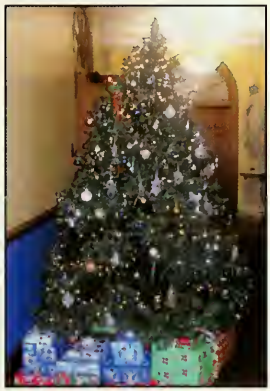
Senior John Castaldo, founder of the SJC Jazz Ensemble, belts out a song for his classmates in his final collegiate performance (photo above).

Athletic Director Frank Carbone is all smiles for one of his star athletes, All-American Svetlana Medvedeva (photo above).

Guests and seniors help themselves to a sumptuous buffet dinner (photo above).

Jackie Collins shows off her raffle prize: a basket containing an assortment of Starbucks coffees and cocoas. The profits from the raffles went to the SGA (photo right).

The 'Giving Tree' let SJC students and staff help residents of Providence House by providing items written on specially made 'tags' (photo below).



# Holiday Festival

Just as the fall semester neared its conclusion, and thoughts of finals were on everyone's mind, along came Holiday Fest to inject a note of cheer and seasonal joy onto the campus of SJC.

Holiday Fest '07 presented a series of events designed to celebrate the season and bring the term to a close with a large dose of Christmas spirit.

Earlier in the term the Campus Ministry and Outreach Club, along with the Child Study Club, had created 'tags' for the Giving Tree, SJC's annual project for the residents of Providence House. The tree lighting took place in Tuohy Hall on December 4th and students, faculty members as well as the children from Dillon Child Study Center were there for the event.

Songs of the the season echoed through the halls of Tuohy Hall and on December 6th, the SJC Jazz Ensemble presented their annual Christmas show.

At Holiday Fest, each club and team raffled off baskets of items as a fundraiser for SGA. Several dozen baskets containing items from food to athletic supplies were lined up on tables in the auditorium.

Finally, Santa paid a visit to the Dillon kids, told stories, and gave gifts as part of Holiday Fest '07.

Mr. Claus himself, came by to share some stories with the Dillon Center children (photo below).

Christian Jocelyn scopes out one of the tables that held the raffle baskets provided by teams, clubs and other organizations as a holiday fundraiser for SGA (photo below).

It wouldn't have felt like Christmas without traditional sounds of the season. At the tree lighting ceremony in Tuohy Hall, students and staff joined their voices in renditions of some holiday favorites such as "Frosty the Snowman" and "Santa Claus is Coming to Town" (photo above).

Mary Anne Doyle purchases her holiday basket raffle tickets from Qi Bin Li and Rhomesia Ramkellowan of the Office of Student Life (photo above).

As usual, there was a large variety of foods available at Holiday Fest (photo above).

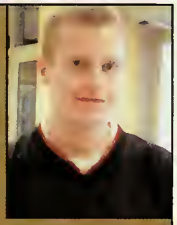
I had a lot of fun at the Holiday Festival. What made it even more fun was that I won one of the raffle prizes!
**–Currell Cherebin**

I thought the best part of the Holiday Festival was when they dropped the confetti. That was a surprise and it was colorful.
**–Cassandra Seide**

Since you don't see everyone for the long break, it was nice to see friends before school ended.
**–Allyson Putre**

# WHAT WE THOUGHT AS JUNIORS

Junior Night was important because it allowed me to be reflective of the last three years of my St. Joseph's experience
**--Patrick Mahon**



This was a nice way to showcase what you have achieved in your college career--a great milestone.
**--Allyson Putre**

It was fun to help plan the evening and I enjoyed helping the juniors celebrate three years of college.
**--Adam Mace**

Dr. Susan Hudec, Dean of Students, Sherrie VanArnam, Director of Co-curricular Programs, and Schaeffer Charles, Senior Class Representative, address the Class of 2007 and their parents and friends before the presentation of the class rings (photo above right).

Junior Ring Night was an opportunity for friends and classmates to gather in a social situation to celebrate the end of their third year and look ahead to the prospects of being a senior in just a few weeks (above).

During the evening, several students had the chance to deliver remarks on their SJC careers. Allison Putre reminisced about the importance of her participation in Beta Upsilon Pi and the Chapel Players (photo above).

# Junior Night

## *The Class of 2008 Prepares for Final Stage of College*

What exactly is the meaning of Junior Ring Night? In fact, it means different things to different students.

For some, of paramount importance is receiving the class ring itself: the visible symbol of collegiate success and progress towards senior year.

For others, Junior Ring Night is a moment of awareness that they have come three quarters of the way: that there is but a single year of undergraduate education left.

While this might be a reason to rejoice, it is also a reason to pause and reflect that the safety and security of college is nearly over. Next comes the real challenge of life, career, graduate school and new responsiblities.

Still other students rejoice at the opportunity to gather together as a class and get reacquainted with old friends and classmates.

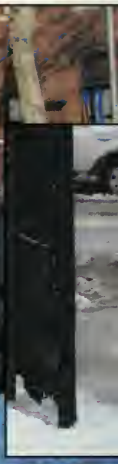
Organized by the the Department of Student Life under Sherrie VanArnam and Dean of Students Dr. Susan Hudec, Junior Ring Night is a gala celebration of achievement.

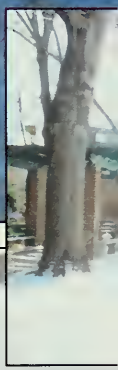
It is not just the full course dinner that is served, nor is it the flower and favor that each student receives as a token of completing the junior year.

It is all of these things combined that make Junior Ring Night a very important milepost along the road that has been a college education at St. Joseph's.

Junior Night not only celebrated the achievement of successfully completing three years of college, but it was also a time to celebrate the friendships that were made during those years. Patrick Mahon and Mark Wilson compare their class rings and share some amusing memories that they experienced together (photo above).

It was more than just rings on Junior Night. Every member of the class in attendance also received special favors as a remembrance of the evening and each student also received a long-stem rose. Amanda Young approaches the front of the auditorium where the Junior Class Representative presents her with her gift (photo above).





What could look more forlorn than the snow-capped umbrellas of the courtyard of St. Angela Hall? (photo above).

# Winter Wonderland

Finally dug out, cars are able to move from outside of St. Angela Hall after snowplows buried them under mountains of the white stuff (left).

Sometimes it take good old-fashioned muscle to clear paths and parking lots after a sloppy, slushy winter storm (photo top).

What could look bleaker than the mall in front of Dillon Center after a storm? Barren, cold, uninviting--a campus in winter's grasp (middle above).

Let's face it: you either love it or hate it. Winter, that is. Sure, it's a great time for winter sports if you have the time for skiing or sledding, but for students at a commuter school like St. Joseph's College, it is not without its problems.

Snowstorms and more particularly ice storms play havoc on public transportation. Trains and buses run--but usually late. And for those who drive to school, treacherous road conditions can deter all but the heartiest souls from risking the drive to campus.

The campus itself looks magical--at least on the first day, before the pollution and exhaust fumes turn the snow black. There is a magical quality to the snow-crowned trees and shrubs that is right out of a picture book.

It's no picture book, however, for Plant Manager Henry Dorta and his crew. They are out early plowing, shoveling and salting every sidewalk, every path and every stairway to make sure that the entire college community remains safe.

Winter wonderland? To some, yes. To others, just another seasonal burden that must be overcome.

Plant Director Henry Dorta breaks out the big guns after a major storm to snowblow sidewalks in front of buildings (photo above left).

Fighting a headwind, an SJC student heads for the warmth and comfort of Tuohy Hall. Even small storms present commuting problems for students and faculty (photo above).

Commuting in winter isn't that big a problem. I student teach right near the school, and even if it's cold, it's not too long a walk from the subway to the campus.
**–Andrea Rosado**

Coming to school in winter is hard, because I'd rather stay at home. I take public transportation and I don't like waiting in the cold and snow for the bus to come.
**–Jessica Jeudy**

Talk about a nightmare! The roads are icy, the trains don't run on time, the library doesn't have enough heat and I'd rather be at home in bed instead of going to class
**–Gregory Creamer**

For the hearty of spirit, Spring Carnival offered a variet of games such as the Bungi run, which saw numerous students go skittering down the inflated plastic tube (photo right).

The cafeteria sent some of its talented chefs to provide loads of hot and healthy food for the party-goers and staff members (photo below).

# SPRING CARNIVAL

When the weather turns balmy and the foliage on campus bursts into bloom, the end of the spring term is in the air along with the anticipation of a well-deserved summer vacation.

But along with such pleasant thoughts is the sure realization that finals are looming large in the future of every student on campus. To ease the strain of several tough weeks of exams, CAB and SGA presented the annual Spring Carnival which took place on the mall in front of the Dillon Child Study Center.

The annual common hour event is a welcome opportunity to be outdoors with friends, enjoy some super activities such as bungi runs, sitting for a caricature artist, getting a non-permanent tattoo, having lunch with friends and enjoying some great music with a Caribbean flavor to it.

In keeping with the 'island' theme, specialty dancers entertained.

"The Carnival really helped take some of the tension out of the coming exam weeks," said freshman Nick Souleotis.

Back by popular demand was the "Strawberry Festival," a chance to sample some of the succulent fruits in different forms such as whole, chocolate-dipped, and in strawberry shortcake.

Spring Carnival did not elimanate the academic stress of preparing for and taking final exams, but it was a final chance for St. Joe's students to have a party before the grind of exams was upon them.

An afternoon of partying--followed by the realities ahead.

Live music is always a welcome addition to Spring Carnival, especially when it has a Caribbean tang to it (photo right).

Did someone say strawberries? One of the major parts of the carnival is the annual Strawberry Festival with its tempting pastries (photo below).

A talented caricature artist was on hand so that some of the revelers could take home colorful--and comical images of themselves (lower left).

In addition to the standard American barbecue fare, students who came to carnival got to try some traditional Caribbean foods such as exotic fruits peeled, chopped and turned into smoothies (photo above right).

# Carnival Comments

I had a great time at Carnival. It gave us a chance to interact with each other and take our minds off of the pressure of finals and school.
**--Linda Kalmanson**

This year, CSA took part in planning the carnival and it was a great way to expose the students to a different world culture.
**--Christian Jocelyn**

Spring Carnival was a lot of fun! There was a lot to do and a lot of people came, making it one of the most successful events of the year.
**--Christina Contessa**

I thought that Spring Carnival was great this year. Considering that finals week is right around the corner, it's just what we needed.
**--Schaeffer Charles**

Spring Carnival was awesome! It was very well planned and I enjoyed every bit of it. It was an experience that I will not forget!
**--Grace Ferrara**

What a great way to end the school year! The band was terrific and the food was excellent. In short, everything at Carnival was excellent!
**--Leandra Derico**

# In A Word

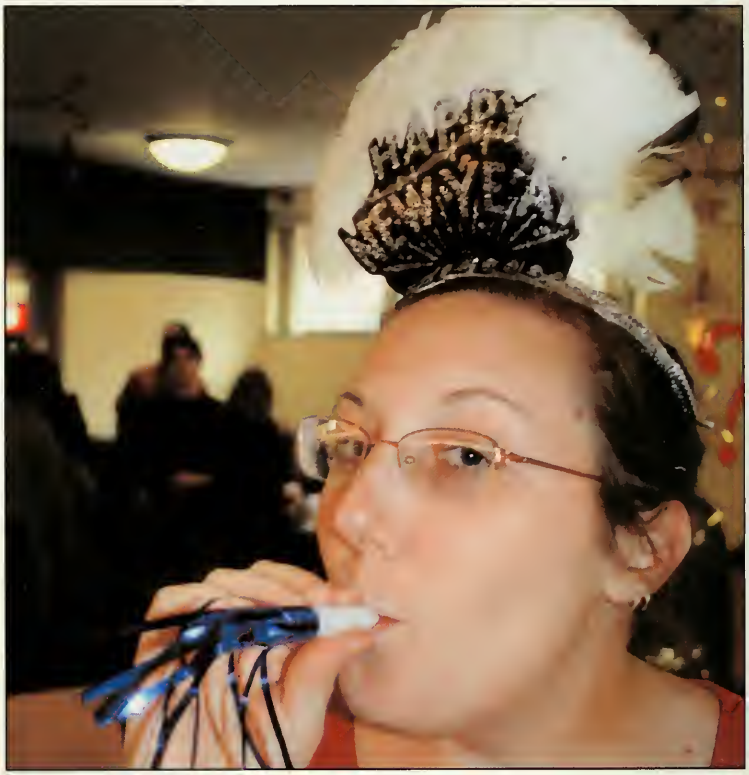
This was a fun and festive way to get everyone together for the start of the term.
**--Elizabeth Flack**

The music was really good and it was great to have everyone together again.
**--Carissa Cancemi**

I like the DJ's choice of music and the decorations were very cute too.
**--Francesca Casale**

I can't think of a better way to go back to school than with a big party!
**--Nina Zito**

I was eager to go back to school and the New Years Party was a big help.
**--Jaclyn Verbil**



St. Joseph's has been very fortunate in having its own 'house' DJ for the last four years. Mike Barthelmy has provided music for home basketball games as well as numerous common hour events since he was a freshman. At the New Years Party he played a variety of hip hop, house and techno sounds (photo below).

# New Years Party

Junior Courtney Leja gets into the spirit with a blast on a noisemaker (photo left).

Okay, so the hat and noisemaker look didn't work for everybody, but everyone was a good sport about looking silly and spreading some new year's cheer (photo top).

Romance? Outstanding grades? New career possibilities? Revelers had the chance to explore their futures with seers--if they had the courage to step into the fortune-telling room! (photo above).

January 24th might seem like a strange time to host a New Year's Party, but for CAB, it has become a tradition at SJC.

Think of it more as a 'Welcome Back' get together, because it was the first week back from semester break, and as such, the first time friends and classmates got to see one another for over a month.

Music, food, decorations--even a special section of Evodio's Place set apart for fortune tellers and palm readers--all were part of the fun of the common hour event.

Better late than never? No ball came down announcing the new year, but the moment the new term started, it was business as usual at St. Joe's.

CAB members decorated Evodio's Place in keeping with the New Years theme of the event. Streamers festooned the ceilings and hats and noisemakers added to the party atmosphere. Over 150 students attended the common hour party (photo above).

What would 2008 hold for SJC students (besides graduation for over 100 seniors)? Palmists, tarot card readers, star gazers and crystal ball mystics were on hand to help courageous students get a glimpse into their futures (photo left).

Need a new challenge? Try a musical! And that's just what Chapel Players did in their production of the Broadway hit, Godspell...

# Chapel Players

For Chapel Players, it was something new--or at least something that had not been attempted since 2001--a musical production.

For it's first musical in six years, director Tom Hoefner selected *Godspell*, the hugely successful off-Broadway and Broadway musical which opened in 1971 and was later made into a Hollywood film.

The show is a contemporary retelling of the Gospel of St. Matthew with lyrics by Steven Schwartz and book by John Michael Tebelak. It produced the hit song "Day by Day," which topped the charts in the mid '70s.

The cast included John Dasaro as Jesus and Adam Mace as John the Baptist and Judas. Members of the company included Christian Branch, Anthony Catalanotti, Jaclyn Collins, Patricia Garcia, Marie Guisment, Nicole Guliano, Andrea Rosado, Rachael Smaglia and Daniel Velez.

The choreography was by Chapel Players moderator Jaimie Vacca-Hoefner.

The audience's response to the show was enthusiastic. "I am still feeling the glow of the show I saw on Friday night," said Professor Stanley Nevins of the Philosophy Department.

Having proven its ability to mount a major musical production, Chapel Players is now considering when they might make yet another foray into the world of musical theater.

Cast sets up for the next parable, the structuring device behind the story-line (photo above).

Andrea Rosado in the role of Socrates in the "Tower of Babel" vignette (photo far right).

John Dasaro (Jesus) shows his guitar chops at intermission (photo right).

Judas (Adam Mace) prepares to betray Jesus (John Dasaro) during the Last Supper in Act II of *Godspell* (photo left).

The trial of Jesus with Anthony Catalanotti, Andrea Rosado and Adam Mace sitting in judgement (photo below).

# SHOW STOPPING SCENES

After John the Baptist entered in Act I singing "Prepare Ye the Way of the Lord," the entire company joined in the first production number, "Save the People." For choreographer Jaime Vacca-Hoefner, the challenge was to create steps and a look for a show that had such a loose construction and lacked any single dance style. She was able to use a variety of dance techniques to give visual appeal to each number (photo left).

One of the most exciting visual and vocal numbers in *Godspell* was the Act I curtain song, "You are the Light of the World". The song had a pulsating rock beat and the lead vocalist, Jackie Collins, was ably backed by a band that consisted of Music Director Lynn Portas on keyboards, Mike Multari on guitar, Geoff Wright on Bass and Ed Rohrlich on drums (photo right).

A climactic moment in *Godspell* was the crucifixion of Jesus which took place in Act II of the show. For the scene, special lighting effects were required. Fortunately for the company, they had the services of Christopher James Burke, a graduate of the Class of 2007 and a veteran of other Chapel Players productions; he also designed the set for the show (photo above).

# Blood Drive

How easy is it to save a life? In some professions, it's a very difficult task.

But every time St. Joe's students donate a pint of blood, they have the potential of saving *five* separate lives since each pint can be broken down into five component parts and given to five people in need.

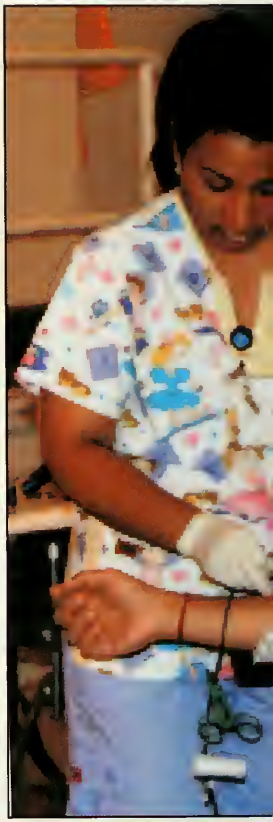
Each year the Science Club under the moderatorship of S. Mary Maier and Dr. Jill Rehmann sponsor a fall and a spring blood drive that nets as many as 50 pints of blood for the New York Blood Center, an organization that distributes blood to hospitals in the metropolitan area.

> "A single pint of blood can be broken down into five parts and help to save five lives."

The fall 2007 drive took place on October 2-3 in the auditorium of Tuohy Hall, where technicians and phlebotomists had set up all the requisite equipment for the efficient collection of blood.

Members of the entire college community, staff, students and faculty, were all invited to particpate in the Blood Drive. It was even open to residents in the school's neighborhood.

Minimal discomfort, a cot to rest on, some juice and cookies, and donors were as good as new--and feeling good about giving the gift of life.



There can be no questioning the importance of giving blood. I think everyone realizes that. But the idea that I have the power to save someone's life, or multiple lives, just by sitting on a table for about ten minutes, well, that is very inspirational to me. They treat you very well when they are taking blood and they take care of you when the procedure is over. And I also like the cookies they give you to help you get your strength back!

**–Alejandro Osborne**

This is not the first time that I have given blood at St. Joseph's College. Why do I do it? I would hate to be in a position where I was in need of blood and none was available. So I give blood because it gave me a chance to help someone–most likely someone I will never know, and do something positive for others. I like the idea that I can eventually save a life–and I also like the cool T-shirt they gave me just for donating some blood!

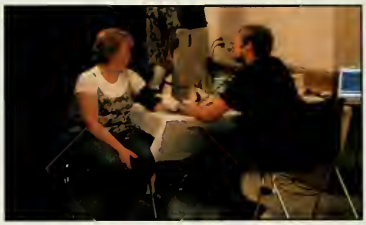
**–Dane Bruce**

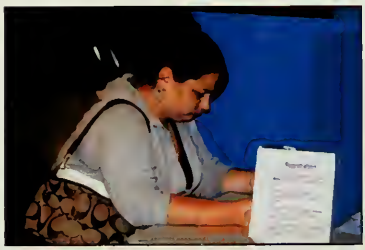
We all live in communities where the need for blood donors and large supplies of blood never seems to run out. I like to donate blood because it is a way for me to help out in the community. That is really my goal; to do something good for my community. It's not painful and it's not really inconvenient. The people from the blood center make it easy to donate and they were very professional in how they treated us during every step of the process.

**–Kafleen Borgella-Charles**

It takes a certain amount of intestinal fortitude to actually watch as a catheter is inserted into a vein, but for some donors, it is a mere scratch compared to the amount of good a single pint of blood can do for others (photo left).

Before prospective donors are permitted to give blood, they must undergo a brief physical examination which checks pulse, heartrate and blood pressure. Screeners also ask other questions about the general state of a donor's health before they are allowed to donate (photo below).





And of course there is always the paperwork! Prospective donors must fill out medical history forms revealing information about everything from recent colds and viruses to tattoos they may have gotten (photo above).

Senior Schaeffer Charles and junior Dane Bruce look no worse for the wear, having each donated a pint of blood. After a brief rest and some sugar refreshments, they both returned to classes (photo far left).

A lab technician from the New York Blood Center checks the pulse of prosepective donors one final time before they make their donation, just to make sure anxiety has not caused any type of a spike (photo left).

Just like big college bookstores on many major campuses, the SJC store has a full line of logo-imprinted novelties: school hats, cups, key rings, binders. Students show their colors by using logo-imprinted items (photo left).

No matter what your preference for writing tool, felt tip, gel pen, ball point--the school store has a huge selection to choose from. Other school supplies are carried in equal abundance (photo left).

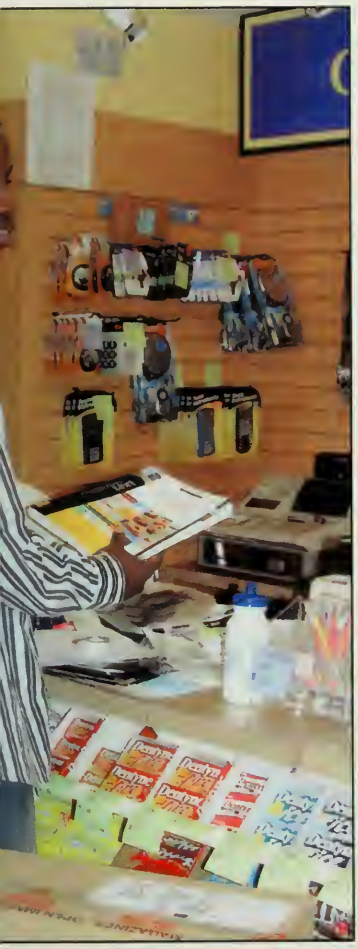
Fresh from their cartons and ready to be shelved for the first day of school, a new supply of textbooks sits in piles. Most professors order books in the spring so students can have them from week one of school (photo left).

Through the looking glass. The newly remodeled store is spacious and welcoming. It often serves as the backdrop for common hour concert performances that are staged in the cafeteria (photo left).

"Our chief purpose in the SJC Bookstore is to provide the best customer service possible. We try to fulfill student needs for school supplies and textbooks."--**Mike Alegria, Manager**

# More than Just a Store

## *The store always had what we needed*



Think of it as Staples 'Lite' or Office Max 'Lite.' It's not a big box store like those, but for a vest pocket campus like St. Joseph's College, the bookstore was a good friend to us for our four years of school.

Especially after the store was enlarged and remodeled during our sophomore year, it really became a full-service establishment on campus. In conjunction with Barnes & Noble, it stocked virtually every book we needed for class plus review books for the major examinations we faced.

Clothing was another main feature of the store: coats, jackets, T-shirts, sweatsuits, all imprinted with SJC logos, wearing our school's name was a way in which we developed a pride in it.

When we were too busy to eat a full lunch in the cafeteria next door, we could always grab a snack or a candy bar to keep us going through the day.

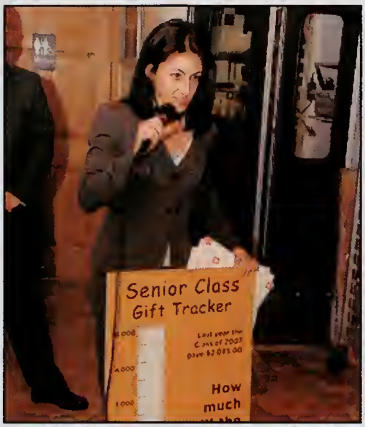
We might not have spent a lot of time in the bookstore, but when we needed something quickly, it was the place to go.

Rack upon rack of clothing, all featuring the SJC logo or a variation, are one of the main attractions of the store when students want to advertise the school (above).

Who needs to go off campus to a candy store when you get the munchies? The SJC store carries a huge selection of candy, gum and mints at the counter (photo left)

It's the first day of classes and Ivan Nicholas wants to beat the rush by getting his textbooks early (photo top).

Samantha Saines addresses the class members asking that they make a pledge to donate to the Alumni Association for the next three years and outdo the class of '07 in contributions (photo below).



# Sad or Glad?

It's a little of both. I am very excited to be moving on to a new path in my life, but I'm upset to be leaving my friends.
**–Jessica Cuccia**

I'm sad to be leaving all of my friends, but on the other hand, I am glad to be moving on from St. Joseph's College.
**–Nicole Penaranda**

I am a little sad and glad to be leaving. I am going to miss all the activities I was involved in, things that I could only do here.
**–Gracia Gustave**

Virtually every table at Graziella's was packed with members of the Class of 2008 as St. Joseph's took over the restaurant to celebrate 101 Nights. This marked the second year in a row that the event was held off campus (photo above).

Mary Jo Burke Chiara, Executive Director of Alumni Relations, explains the origins of the tradition of 101 Nights and the importance of strong alumni support for the college (photo above left).

Senior Representative Christina Ament raises her glass as her fellow reps Cassandra Seide and Andrea Rosado offer a toast to the Class of 2008. The Senior Representatives have been integral in the planning of class events and activities during the 2007-08 school year (photo left).

# 101 Nights

## The End Rapidly Approaches for Class of 2008

It's kind of a bittersweet experience for members of the senior class.

The celebration of 101 Nights, a tradition on the Brooklyn campus for decades, marks the fact that members of the Class of 2008 have reached a milestone: there are only 101 days of school left until graduation.

In honor of the occasion, the Office of Student Life threw a party for the seniors at Graziella's Italian Restaurant on Vanderbilt Avenue.

Amidst the revelry and the gathering of friends and classmates, the huge buffet of Italian delicacies and the freely-flowing beverages, was the unspoken understanding that there was relatively little time left as an undergraduate--that soon, the real challenges of life and work would begin.

"There is something sad about it," said Svetlana Medvedeva. "I mean, you are looking forward to moving on with your life, but you look around and suddenly realize that you will most likely never see the majority of these people again. It makes you think," she added.

But for the time being, at least, it was a time for fun.

Many of the seniors, who are education majors or minors, are off student teaching for most of their time and are on campus only infrequently. 101 Nights was a chance to become reacquainted and share stories with old friends.

The Alumni Association was represented at 101 Nights by Samantha Saines, Alumni Relations Associate (SJC '06) who explained to the seniors the importance of maintaining ties with the school and their friends.

101 Nights. Not long, by any standards, but long enough to enjoy the last remaining SJC months.

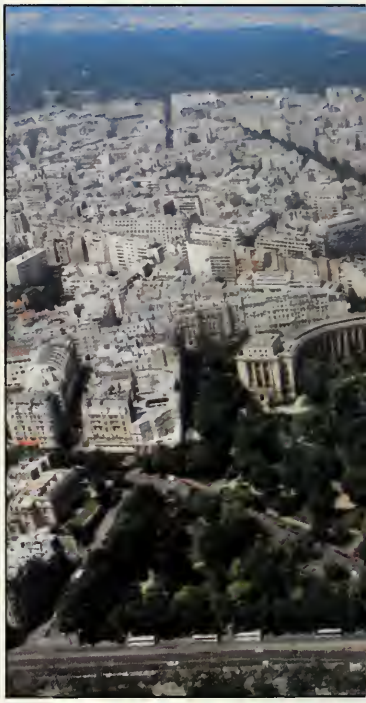
Now that's a meal to remember! There is never a shortage of food at a SJC event, as Thea Depola points out (photo left).

Sabrina Esposito takes a moment to check out the program detailing the events at 101 Nights (photo above).

Students and guests line up to sample some of the many Italian specialties served buffet style at Graziella's for 101 Nights (photo above left).

# The Grand Tour

## Honors Students Visit Paris in Springtime



Perhaps Cole Porter said it best: "I love Paris in the springtime." For ten days from May 21st to May 30th, 7 SJC Honors students and 3 professors got to experience the truth of that statement as they toured the City of Lights as an adjucnt to their History/Art 243 course.

Taught jointly by Professors Jane Beckwith and Philip Dehne, the course dealt with the history of the fabled city from approximately 1870 through the 1960s.

Each day in Paris began with a lecture on some of the sights the group would experience: the Louvre, Eiffel Tower, Arc de Triomphe, Musee d'Orsay, Napoleon's Tomb and many others.

"I was told that before you die, you should see Paris," said senior Christina Ament. "Now that I've seen it, I understand why. This is one of the most beautiful places I have ever experienced," she added. The cultural and historical experience the SJC students had gave a new dimension to what they thought of the great city.

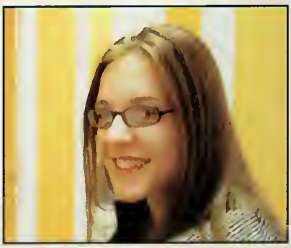
A spectacular view of the manicured gardens at the Palace of Versailles outside of Paris, constructed by Louis XIV--the Sun King (photo top).

Professor Phillip Dehne lectured on French history before the group visited the tomb of Napoleon Bonaparte (photo above).

## What was the best part of the Paris trip for you?

Paris impressed me with how well the people take care of their city. The beauty of the city's structure and its culture, its sights and museums was my favorite part of the trip. That, and tasting all the different kinds of pastry!

**--Svetlana Medvedeva**



Having dinner with friends in front of the Eiffel Tower--complete with baguettes, quiche and pastries. The tower twinkles for ten minutes every hour--and when we finally got to see it--it was simply unforgettable.

**--Allyson Putre**

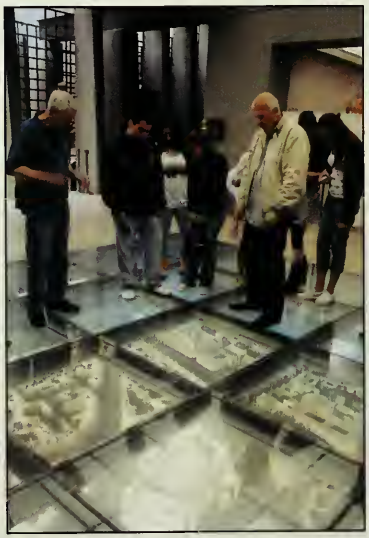
A breathtaking view of Paris spreads out for SJC students who saw it from the third floor of the Eiffel Tower (photo left).

A moving etched glass memorial to the dead of the Second World War is set against the backdrop of the Eiffel Tower (photo below).

Claude Monet's famous paintings were inspired by the gardens located in this quiet Parisian lane (photo middle above).

The Louvre, one of the greatest art museums in the world, seems to open its arms in an embrace to its millions of visitors (photo above).

With the Eiffel Tower as a backdrop, the Honor students gather for a group photo with Professor Maria Montoya (third from left) of the Foreign Language Department (photo above).



In the Musee d'Orsay, visitors get to examine a scale model of every building in Paris, recreated in minute detail and placed under the glass floor (photo above).

# LEADERSHIP BRUNCH

## *SJC Recognizes its Young Leaders*

What makes a leader? A sense of dedication? An active role in directing the tasks of others? A selfless commitment of energy and time to make a difference?

All these and more, are amongst the many qualities of leadership, and it was these attributes that were honored on Saturday, April 12 at the Bay Ridge Manor when SJC held its annual Leadership Brunch.

Awards were presented to representatives of the many campus activities, chosen by the moderators and coaches, who best exemplilfy the spirit of leadership so valued and cultivated at St. Joseph's College.

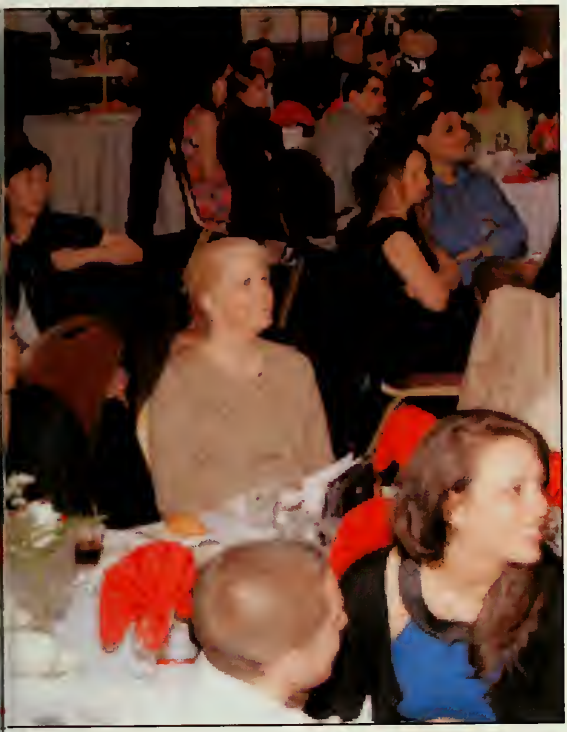
Planned by the Office of Student Life, the Leadership Brunch was a showcase for SJC's best and brightest.

Representing the Campus Ministry and Outreach Club, Christian Branch began the day's proceedings by offering a prayer before the assembled guests. Christian has been an active member of Chapel Players and other campus activities. He was also recently named "Mr. St. Joseph's College" for his riotously funny rendition of "When You're Good to Mama" from the Broadway smash hit, *Chicago* (photo right).

Representing both ends of the spectrum, senior and freshman yearbook and newspaper editors Kasia Topczewska and Christina Ament show off their awards from the Publications Department (photo right).

Freshman Nina Zito was the recipient of the Emerging Leader Award for 2008 and is shown here with Director of Co-Curricular Programs, Sherrie VanArnam. Nina was recently named editor-in-chief of the newspaper and yearbook.

It was a very large assemblage of students, parents, friends and relatives who gathered at the Bay Ridge Manor to pay homage to the finest student leaders on the St. Joseph's campus. The decor was elegant, the food sumptuous, but the real reason for the event was to acknowledge the talents of SJC's best and brightest young leaders (photo below).



Some of the many award winners representing the clubs, teams, publications and other activities on campus assemble to show off their certificates of merit (photo above).

For the entertainment of the guests, the SJC Jazz Ensemble, under the direction of senior John Castaldo, provided easy listening music while dinner was served (photo above).

Thea DePaola of the Business Club shows her award to (L to R) Brian Lewicki, Przemyslaw Kudla and Gregory Creamer, all members of the club (above).

Athletic Director Frank Carbone sings the praises of one of SJC's all-time star basketball players, Annamarie Ciorciari (photo above).

Director of Co-Curricular Activities Sherrie VanArnam is presented with a bouquet of flowers from the Office of Student Life for her selfless dedication.

# Spring Formal

## *An elegant evening of friendship, food and dance*

There was music, there was dancing, there was fine food, and there was a huge spirit of celebration at the Spring Formal as the guests realized that this was the last big event before commencement.

Held at the elegant Roma View Caterers of Howard Beach, Queens, the Spring Formal was an opportunity for friends of all classes to gather and party late into the night.

Spring Formal was planned and executed by the Office of Student Life with particular and noteworthy efforts by senior Mike Barthelemy, who saw to many of the night's details.

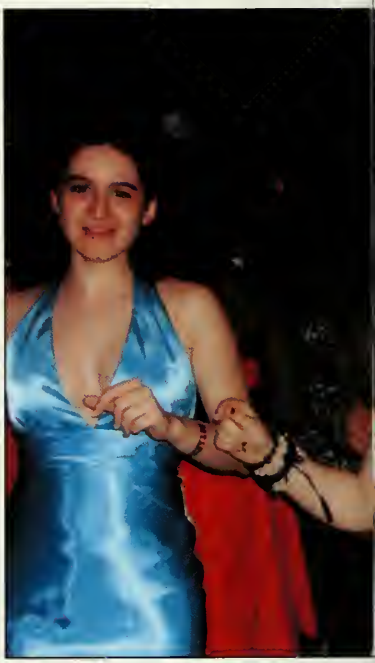
From the cocktail hour through dessert, the chefs at Roma View spared no details as they provided over a dozen hot entrees in buffet style to satisfy even the hardiest appetite.

Five Star Entertainment provided the music for the night and freshman Nina Zito noted, "I thought they did a great job providing selections in all types of music for every taste."

Both the gals and guys showed off their finery with the latest in spring fashions from head to toe.

"Everyone looked great and I always like getting dressed up for nights like this," said freshman Cory Jones.

The end of the school year is always a suitable occasion for a party, and the St. Joseph's College Spring Formal has always pulled out all the stops to make it big. The year 2008 was no exception.



For Christian Branch, dessert meant a chocolate covered strawberry from the chocolate fountain (photo right).

Beauty was self-evident all night long as guests like freshmen Nina Zito and Jenna DeFillippo broke out their finest party duds for the gala evening (photo above).

# Formal Features

They might look a bit serious, but best friends Joe O'Connor and Karl Schuff were just taking a time out from the dancing and partying (photo left).

Can't really have a dance without dancing! Erin Dorso ('07), Amanda Gavagan and Justin Burke show off some of their premier moves on the dance floor (photo below left).

This year's Spring Formal was held at the Roma View in Howard Beach, Queens. The beautiful hall was a perfect setting for a magical evening.

Senior Michael Barthelemy greets students and their guests. He was a prime mover in planning all the details of the Spring Formal.

There were rave reviews from the guests for Five Star Entertainment, the DJs who provided a great selection of hits for dancers and listeners.

One thing was for certain: nobody went hungry at the Spring Formal! A cocktail hour with waiter service provided hors d'ouvres for the guests and dinner was a full buffet with a huge number of entrees. Senior Liz Afre and her date join the chow line and fill their plates (photo above).

# Athletic Awards Banquet

By the time the evening of May 5th arrived, the seasons had ended for all of St. Joseph's College's athletic teams. It was time to pay tribute to the many athletes who participated in the various programs.

The Athletic Awards Banquet was a gala evening of presentations, food, and a gathering of teammates one more time before the semester ended.

Hosted by Athletic Director Frank Carbone and attended by all the coaches, athletes and their families and friends, the Athletic Awards Banquet was the college's way of thanking the young competitors for giving so selflessly of themselves to their teams' successes.

Being on a team required a huge commitment of time and energy, both in practice and in actual games. The athletes found time for all of it, including carrying as many as 20 credits in school.

For many, it would be their last hurrah as a college athlete. Graduation would take its toll upon the teams as seniors moved on to the next stage of their lives.

But already, the recruiting and planning had begun for the 2008-2009 athletics season at SJC.

The SJC Royal Steppers Step Team was honored for their creativity and energy. Not only did they perform at home basketball games, but they competed against other college step teams as would any other athletic team (photo left).

As if winning four consecutive conference crowns wasn't enough of an achievement, the Lady Bears Volleyball Team also had four academic All-Americans on it: Marzena Stadnicka, Magda Wiecek, Chris Ament, Lana Medvedeva.

It wasn't just an evening of handing out trophies and plaques. La Cuisine Caterers provided a full dinner of Italian specialties, including everything from pasta to miniature pastries for the hungry athletes and their guests (photo left).

The visible symbol of an athlete's achievement and participation in intercollegiate records is more than a won-loss record. All athletes on teams were honored with trophies and other forms of recognition for the many hours they spent in play and practice.

Athletic Director Frank Carbone served as host and master of ceremonies for the evening--appropriate since the idea of an Athletic Awards Banquet was his. As the coach of three teams at St. Joseph's College, Women's Basketball, Softball and Cross Country, Coach Carbone knows many of the school's athletes very well and is fully aware of their talents. Honoring them at the banquet was his way of rewarding their dedication and spirit (photo right).

Christina Ament addresses the audience about her experiences in volleyball and softball--for which she earned eight varsity letters. She was the recipient of the Alumni Association Special Achievement award for her athletic prowess (photo below).

Senior Gracia Gustav made his mark not as an athlete, but as a manager of several St. Joseph's College teams. His leadership efforts were rewarded by the Alumni Association with a meritorious achievement award (photo below).

A smiling Coach and Athletic Director Frank Carbone stands with Jackie Marinello, who was named the Rookie of the Year of the Softball Team. Coach Carbone believes the freshman has a tremendous career ahead of her (photo below).

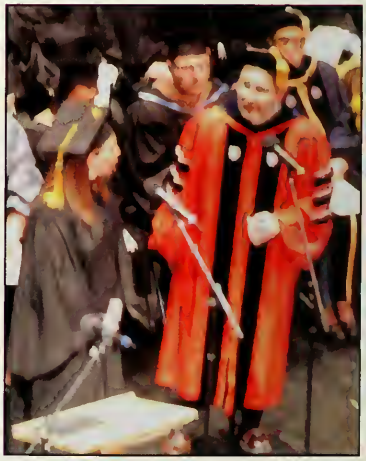
Robert Marriello realizes his four year ambition as he crosses the stage to receive his diploma from Sheila Baird, Board of Trustees Chair.

Viewed from the balcony of the Brooklyn Academy of Music, the assembled graduates of St. Joseph's College listen to the guest speaker, Carol Enseki of the Brooklyn Children's Museum (photo below).

Dressed in full academic regalia, members of the faculty make their procession into the auditorium of BAM. The presence of so many faculty members is a tribute to their joy in the achievements of the graduates (above).

Class valedictorian for Arts and Sciences, Andrea Rose Rosado, reflects on her four year stay at St. Joseph's in her inspirational address to her classmates, family members and guests (photo near right).

Very talented Ms. Rosado joined Professor Michael Hanophy of the Biology Department in a song by Broadway legend Stephen Schwartz entitled "For Good" (photo far right).



# Graduation

## *The culmination of four years--the end and the beginning*

The morning of May 30, 2008 was a historic one for St. Joseph's College. For the first time in the history of the Brooklyn campus, the graduation of the school of Arts and Sciences was combined with that of the Professional and Graduate School for one huge ceremony.

And for the first time, the exercises were held not on the college campus, but at the historic and beautiful Brooklyn Academy of Music.

Valedictorians for the occasion were Dana Jay Stevens representing PGS and Andrea Rose Rosado representing Arts and Sciences.

The keynote speaker for the ceremony was Carol Enseki, President of the Brooklyn Children's Museum. Ms. Enseki was also the recipient of an Honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters.

Following Ms. Enseki's address, there was a musical interlude performed by Andrea Rosado and Professor Michael Hanophy. The very moving song, "For Good" seemed to capture the feelings of the graduates and their guests.

Graduate degrees were awarded by Esther Berkowits, Ph.D., Mary Chance, Director of Graduate Management Studies and Barbara Sands, Ph.D., Director of the Nursing Program.

Sister Margaret Buckley, Dr. Thomas Travis, vice-president and Dean of the Professional and Graduate school presented the Baccalaureate degrees and honors.

Following a benediction by Rev. Christopher Coleman, M.Div, Ph.D., it was over. The graduates left BAM--diplomas in hand, ready for the next challenge life has to offer.

The members of the Class of 2008 are presented by Academic Dean S. Margaret Buckley before their degrees are conferred upon them (photo far left).

President of St. Joseph's College S. Elizabeth Hill greets the assembled student body and their guests at the beginning of the commencement ceremonies (photo left).

Students of the SJC Professional and Graduate School join the line of march into the BAM auditorium (photo left).

# Athletics

There were times in our four years at St. Joe's when it must have felt like we were attending a big time sports school. All those championships! A Lady Bears Volleyball Team that took conference honors four straight years, a championship Men's Basketball Team, All-Americans in multiple sports--SJC was the little school that 'could' when it came to sports. And in our time here, we saw the addition of new varsity squads: Baseball, Men's Tennis, Cross Country and Track. Just in time for our departure, plans were finally revealed for a SJC field house and athletic facility to be constructed on the mall. Yes, our years at St. Joe's were a time of change and a time of fierce competition for our teams. Watching our teams bring home their trophies made those times very special for everyone who was a part of SJC.

Coach Carbone briefs a baserunner

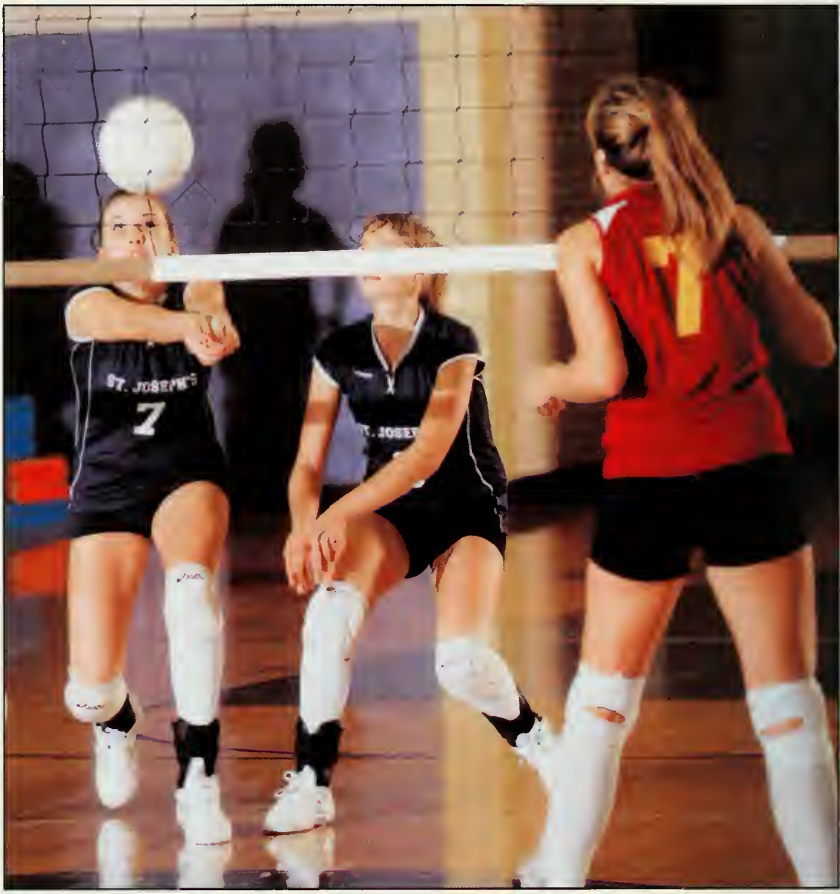
Bears scramble and snatch the ball

The Lady Bears' 'gold dust twins,' Magdalena Wiecek and Marzena Stadnicka, score again (right).

Senior star player Svetlana Medvedeva moves in for a kill against York College (photo below).

It's a dink for Melissa Simo as she scores again for the Lady Bears (photo above).

Teamwork leads to another Lady Bears point as Jamie Mascetti feeds Marzena Stadnicka in the forecourt (photo right).



# Volleyball

It is hard to imagine that a small school like St. Joe's could produce a dynasty, but in the case of Women's Volleyball, that is exactly what has happened.

The Lady Bears won their 4th consecutive HVWAC championship in the 2007 season after going an amazing 24-0 in conference play.

The team's overall record was 24-4 and the season included winning streaks of 10 and 8 matches in a row.

Senior outside hitter Magdalena Wiecek was named MVP of the HVWAC tournament as well as Honorable Mention on the USCAA All-American team.

Svetlana Medvedeva was also named to the All-American team and Tamara Buletovic picked up honors on the Hudson Valley All-Conference team.

Senior Christina Ament was named to the Academic All-American team for the 4th year in a row.

The current seniors have known nothing but championships since their freshman year. Now, Coach Michael Schober and his staff must recruit and rebuild the team for the 2008 championship defense.

It's a diving save for Ashley Rodriguez, who turned a sure Ramapo College point into an SJC score (photo below).

## Scoreboard

| OPPONENT | RESULT |
|---|---|
| Mt. St. Vincent | W |
| CSI | W |
| Pratt Institute | W |
| New Rochelle | W |
| Taylor University | L |
| New Hampshire | W |
| Spalding Univ. | L |
| UC Clermont | W |
| Southern Virginia | L |
| Taylor University | L |
| Pratt Institute | W |
| Farmingdale | W |
| OH Wesleyan | W |
| Medgar Evers | W |
| Mitchell College | W |
| Brooklyn College | W |
| NYC Tech | W |
| Briarcliffe College | W |
| Skidmore | L |
| Cooper Union | W |
| St. Elizabeth | W |
| St. Joseph's (LI) | W |
| William Paterson | W |
| Mt. St. Vincent | W |
| York College | W |
| Ramapo College | W |
| CSI | W |
| Brooklyn College | W |
| Mt. St. Mary College | W |

Standing: Assistant Coach Mario Tang, S. Medvedeva, M. Wiecek, K. Donovan, T. Bulatovic, J. Sheha, M. Stadnicka, Assistant Coach Sylwia Schober, Head Coach Michael Schober. Front: B. Huseinovic, M. Simo, C. Ament, J. Mascetti, A. Rodriguez, Y. Ulloa

It's a bump for Melissa Simo as she works the ball forward (photo right).

Magdalena Wiecek leaps to block a shot against York (photo far right).

Head Coach Michael Schober

With smooth moves like Annamarie Ciorciari's, all a Yeshiva defender can do is wave goodbye (right).

It's all fluidity and grace as center Svetlana Medvedeva sinks a jump shot (photo below).

Alison Kavanagh, who averaged over 9 points per game, makes it look easy as she chalks up another two-pointer (photo above).

A swagger in their steps, the Lady Bears starting five stride onto the court at the Nets arena for a game against New Jersey City University (photo right).

# Women's Basketball

It is a mere two seasons since the SJC Lady Bears were on top of the world as HVWAC champions. But in collegiate sports, two years can feel like decades.

With the constant need to recruit and rebuild, sports dynasties on the collegiate level are rare.

That seemed to be the case with the 2007-08 Lady Bears Basketball Team, which found itself on the short end of a 10-16 season.

The season did, however, have some bright spots for both the team and for individual players. The Lady Bears came in 3rd in the La Sierra Holiday Tournament, held in California.

Annamarie Ciorciari was named by the Association Division III Independents as its Player of the Week for December 11th. Then in January, she scored her 1000th point, putting her at number 5 on the all-time SJC list.

Svetlana Medvedeva received a similar Player of the Week honor in January from the USCAA.

Coach Frank Carbone and his assistants Walter Sanchez and Chantelle McCurty now will assess the season and start rebuilding the team.

The Lady Bears huddle up and talk it over before the initial tip-off against the College of Staten Island (photo below).

## Scoreboard

| OPPONENT | | SJC |
|---|---|---|
| 83 | Vassar | 57 |
| 96 | Mt. Aloysius | 59 |
| 40 | Fisher | 73 |
| 75 | CSI | 48 |
| 66 | New Jersey CU | 44 |
| 74 | Albertus Magnus | 56 |
| 55 | Morrisville State | 71 |
| 48 | Medgar Evers | 58 |
| 73 | La Sierra Univ. | 43 |
| 60 | Ramapo College | 64 |
| 77 | Rider College | 64 |
| 75 | Old Westbury | 71 |
| 69 | Mt. St. Vincent | 43 |
| 69 | St. Elizabeth | 63 |
| 91 | Aquinas | 43 |
| 80 | Christendom | 67 |
| 88 | Yeshiva Univ. | 88 |
| 83 | Albany Pharmacy | 65 |
| 52 | Briarcliffe | 58 |
| 73 | New Hampshire | 86 |
| 53 | Brooklyn College | 68 |
| 31 | New Rochelle | 57 |
| 51 | Southern Maine CC | 47 |
| 57 | Southern Vermont | 67 |
| 71 | York College | 58 |
| 70 | St. Elizabeth | 63 |

Back: Assistant Coach Walter Sanchez, E. Lupenowicz, Manager, A. Kavanagh, S. Medvedeva, E. Shea, G. Gustave, Manager, Assistant Coach Chantelle McCurty. Front: T. Deahn, J. Demaio, Head Coach Frank Carbone, M. Velez, B. Berry, T. Gleason.

Junior Melissa Velez takes a pass and scoots around a defender (photo near right).

Svetlana Medvedeva had a .551 free throw percentage for 2008 (photo far right).

Head Coach Frank Carbone

Freshman star and season MVP Jon Matzelle leaps high at tip-off in a SJC home game at Bishop Laughlin H.S. (photo right).

Ervin Maddox drives downcourt in a game vs. Berkeley College won by St. Joseph's by a score of 68-55 (photo below).

The Bears out-rebounded opponents by over 100 boards by working in close on offense and defense (photo above).

A powerhouse at both ends of the court, Jon Matzelle goes up for a bucket in an SJC victory (photo right).

# Men's Basketball

No one would have thought it possible that with the way the 2007-08 season began for the Bears, that they would wind up as conference champions, but that's exactly what they did.

Overcoming adversities such as injuries, academic ineligibilities and personal tragedies, the team rallied again and again and was able to complete the season with an even 12-12 record, which included a 7-2 run at the end of the season.

It was that run that gave the team a new confidence and readied them for the HVAC championship tourney where they met perennial nemesis, Berkeley.

Though the Bears had defeated Berkeley twice in the '07 regular season, they lost to them in the HVAC finals, but the 2008 season would be different: Tied 33-33 at the half, the Bears came storming out of the gate and put the game away, defeating Berkeley 74-54. Freshman Jon Matzelle was named the MVP of the tournament, and senior Chris Olaskiewicz was named to the all-tournament team. Both Olaskiewicz and Ervin Maddox were named to the All-Conference team for 2008.

"I couldn't be any happier for or prouder of these guys," said head coach Joseph Cocozello. "They deserve it!" he added.

And so for the first time ever, the HVAC trophy as the conference champs now resides at St. Joseph's College.

Trapped? Not slick Ervin Maddox, who throws a move and scoots around two Berkeley defenders (photo below).

## Scoreboard

| OPPONENT | | SJC |
|---|---|---|
| 54 | Berkeley College | 74 |
| 66 | Sarah Lawrence | 90 |
| 82 | CSI | 75 |
| 59 | Christendom College | 67 |
| 92 | Briarcliffe | 73 |
| 61 | Sarah Lawrence | 86 |
| 45 | Pratt Institute | 84 |
| 90 | New Hampshire Tech | 78 |
| 89 | Brooklyn College | 75 |
| 57 | Pratt Institute | 78 |
| 51 | Albany Pharmacy | 73 |
| 52 | Medgar Evers | 74 |
| 91 | Briarcliffe College | 76 |
| 55 | Berkeley College | 68 |
| 65 | Montsville State | 61 |
| 82 | Rogers College | 67 |
| 72 | NJ City University | 65 |
| 58 | Williamson Free Trade | 77 |
| 87 | Centenary College | 73 |
| 68 | Berkeley College | 77 |
| 80 | Sarah Lawrence | 74 |
| 61 | Mt. St. Vincent | 78 |
| 63 | Illinois College | 69 |
| 110 | Mt. St. Joseph's | 73 |
| 54 | Berkeley College | 74* |

* Hudson Valley Athletic Conference Championship Game

Back Row: Assistant Coach Luke Cacavo, Assistant Coach Nolan Adams, L. Klimaszewski C. Olaskiewicz, M. Dziewit, J. Matzelle, W. Exantus, Head Coach Joe Cocozello. Front Row: E. Maddox, L. Fawcett, E. Maddox, P. Kielmanowicz, P. Kudla, Vincent Giglio, Manager.

Przemyslaw Kudla gains control of the ball and heads downcourt (photo right).

Justin Gist goes airborne and hits for two (photo far right).

Coach Joseph Cocozello

Using a two-handed backhand, Jessica Lintner readies her return shot (photo right).

Senior Tara Deahn gets off a powerful serve in a singles match (photo below).

Just like the fundamentals the team practices, Jessica Lintner follows through on her return shot (photo above).

Never breaking her concentration, junior Jennifer Safi prepares a forehand return (photo right).

# Women's Tennis

Since joining the ranks of varsity teams at St. Joseph's College, the Lady Bears have learned that competing in conference play is both difficult and challenging.

The learning curve has been steep for a team that consistently found itself matched up against experienced varsity squads with considerably more tennis experience.

Coach Walter Sanchez's team posted a record of 2-6-1 for the season for a .370 percentage. The Lady Bears were 20-34 in singles matches and 8-17 in doubles matches.

Junior Danielle Kramer led the team with a record of 5-4 and at one time, had a winning streak of 3 consecutive matches.

The doubles team of Danielle Kramer and Jennifer Safi had a 2-2 record. Safi also paired up with freshman Veronica Lysenko for a 1-0 record in their only match.

With the graduation of seniors Annamarie Ciorciari, Tara Deahn and Nicole Larkin, Coaches Sanchez and Tang will need to find new players to restock the team for 2008.

Danielle Kramer, one of three juniors on the Lady Bears Tennis Team, shows off her stinging backhand (photo below).

## Scoreboard

| OPPONENT | SCORE |
|---|---|
| CSI | L 3-6 |
| Cooper Union | L 1-8 |
| Medgar Evers | W 8-1 |
| Mount St. Vincent | L 1-9 |
| New Rochelle | L 1-8 |
| Brooklyn | L 0-9 |
| Mitchell College | T 4-4 |
| Sarah Lawrence | L 5-4 |
| NYC Tech | W 7-2 |

Back Row: J. Safi, T. Deahn, Head Coach Walter Sanchez, Asst. Coach Christine Tang, A. Ciorciari, J. Lintner. Front Row: D. Kramer, E. Lupenowicz, V. Lysenko, N. Larkin

The doubles combo of Jessica Lintner and Annamarie Ciorciari poised for action (photo right).

Annamarie Ciorciari makes solid contact on a return in a singles match (photo middle right).

Head Coach Walter Sanchez

Basketball pheenom Jon Matzelle tries his hand at varsity tennis (photo right).

Junior Edward Han leaps for an acrobatic return at the baseline (photo below).

Freshman Frank Alestra tosses the ball high for a serve in an early season match against Cooper Union (photo above).

Jake Tobin gets some last minute advice from Coach Walter Sanchez before his match against Cooper Union begins (photo right).

# Men's Tennis

The record of the Bears Men's Tennis Team might be thought of as 0 for 2008, but one would have to look beneath the bare statistics for the real truth behind the numbers.

Only in its second year of varsity competition, the Men's Tennis Team would generously be described as novices, with almost none of the players having any inter-collegiate playing time under their belts.

Playing in the tough Hudson Valley Men's Athletic Conference, the Bears found themselves overmatched each time out, but on the positive side of the equation, all 14 members of the squad gained valuable playing experience which will serve them in good stead for the 2009 campaign.

The singles players went 1-40 in matches and the doubles combos fared even worse, failing to win a single match.

But in a team dominated by freshmen newcomers to the sport, things can only get better in subsequent seasons.

Junior Edward Han managed to win one match and remained enthusiastic throughout the season, looking forward to a time when the numbers improve.

Luke Klimaszewski gets ready for a strong forehand return from the baseline at the National Tennis Center (photo below).

## Scoreboard

| OPPONENT | SJC |
|---|---|
| Cooper Union | L (0-9) |
| NYC Tech | L (0-9) |
| Lehman College | PPD |
| York College | PPD |
| Webb Institute | L (1-8) |
| Purchase College | L (0-9) |
| Mount St. Vincent | L (0-8) |
| Sarah Lawrence | L (0-9) |
| Yeshivia Univ. | L (0-8) |

Left to Right: Head Coach Walter Sanchez, Jacob Tobin, Edward Han, Jon Matzelle, Brian Rozanski, Frank Alestra, Luke Klimaszewski.

Freshman Frank Alestra hits a sweeping backhand (photo near right).

Jake Tobin, eye on the ball, hits a powerful overhand return (photo middle right).

Head Coach Walter Sanchez

Pitcher Juliane Basmagy, the only soph on the team, shows off her pitching form (photo right).

Eye on the ball, freshman catcher Lauren Norris gets ready to swing away (below).

It's a long stretch for freshman first bagger Kim Donovan, one of seven newcomers to the Lady Bears (photo above).

Head Coach Frank Carbone gives a few last minute tips to his squad before they take the field in a spring training game (right).

# Softball

Take 1 senior, 7 freshmen, and a few juniors and a single sophomore, and what do you get? The recipe for a very long season.

This was the problem that faced Coach Frank Carbone as the 2008 Softball season began. Most of his experienced players had graduated, and he had assembled a team with almost no varsity collegiate playing time under its belt.

The results were not unexpected as the Lady Bears went into rebuilding mode.

"Everyone is new at some time or another," said senior Christina Ament, "and it takes time to learn this game at the college level," she added.

A string of 6 losses in spring training in Arizona set the tone for the season. This was followed by additional consecutive loss strings of 4 and 6 games, separated by two victories against NYC Tech.

But from each game, valuable experience was gained by a group of young but enthusiastic players.

With a year of varsity ball behind them, the Lady Bears hope to return to its winning ways with its young and talented players in 2009.

At second base, Christina Ament, the lone senior on the team, capped her four year playing career for the Lady Bears (photo below).

## Scoreboard

| | OPPONENT | SJC |
|---|---|---|
| 8 | Buena Vista U. | 0 |
| 12 | Kalamazoo College | 1 |
| 22 | Lawrence Univ. | 3 |
| 17 | U. of Chicago | 1 |
| 14 | Taylor Univ. | 1 |
| 8 | Luther College | 0 |
| 13 | Lyndon State Coll. | 5 |
| 7 | Lyndon State Coll. | 6 |
| 17 | Old Westbury | 11 |
| 12 | Old Westbury | 6 |
| 0 | NYC Tech | 8 |
| 1 | NYC Tech | 15 |
| 12 | NYU | 1 |
| 3 | NYU | 2 |
| 6 | Mt. St. Vincent | 1 |
| 3 | Mt. St. Vincent | 2 |
| 10 | Purchase College | 1 |
| 4 | Purchase College | 0 |

Back Row: G. Gustave, Manager, M. Doody, J. Marinello, C. Girardi, M. Simo, K. Donovan, A. Kavanagh, T. Mendez, C. Cancemi, D. Kramer, F. Carbone, Head Coach, J. Schmitt, Asst. Head Coach, K. Healy, Ass. Coach. Front Row: T. Gleason, C. Norris, J. Basmagy, L. Norris, J. Safi, C. Ament.

Freshman phenom Christina Girardi doubles as a pitcher and third baseman (photo near right).

Third baseman Allison Kavanagh, also a freshman, guards the hot corner (middle right).

Head Coach Frank Carbone

Hardly even winded after a 5k run, Dashana Payne heads for the finish line (photo right).

Elizabeth Shea and Julia Serewko keep pace with the field at Van Cortland Park (photo below).

It's an 8k romp through the park for Mike Modagno, who makes sure to concentrate on every step over the iregular terrain of Van Cortland Park in the Bronx (photo above).

Coach Frank Carbone, Patrick Chiarel, Paul Kilmanowicz, Bryan Rozanski, Juan Cruz, Mike Modagno.

# Cross Country

Like golf, it's not so much a team sport as it is a contest against yourself and the course.

Cross Country is not for the weak of heart--or body. It is an endurance test that demands peak mental and physical conditioning.

Though Men's and Women's Cross Country are relatively new sports on the SJC campus, they have been embraced with enthusiasm by athletes on other teams who want additional conditioning, as well as independent students who just like to--well, run.

For the men, it is an 8k course over irregular terrain and for the women, it is 5k.

The teams are members of their respective Hudson Valley Athletic Conferences and they compete in multi-school meets all over the metropolitan area.

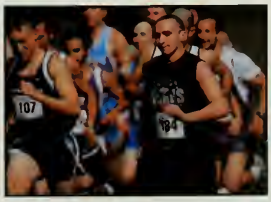
Coaches Frank Carbone and Lynette Reyes oversee practices at the loop in Prospect park and they are there at every meet with their teams.

This year's stars were both freshmen: Mike Modugno, and Dashana Payne, who finished 10th overal in the Hudson Valley Meet, boding well for competition in the conference next season.

Julia Serewko, Allison Kavanagh, Catherine Norris, Coach Lynette Reyes, Bianca Berry, Dashana Payne, Jenna Demaio.

Paul Kilmanowicz pulls ahead of his Pratt Institute rival (photo near right).

Jenna Demaio (center) leads the St. Joe's field in the Stevens Tech Invitational (photo far right).



Juan Cruz finds his rhythm and his stride in the Lehman College Invitational Meet (photo below).

## Scoreboard

**MENS RESULTS**

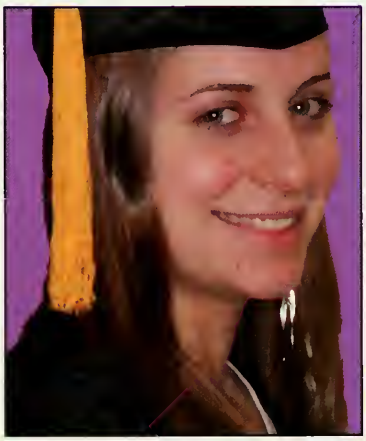
| | |
|---|---|
| Stevens Tech | 10th |
| Lehman College | 22nd |
| York College | 10th |
| St. Joseph's Invt. | 10th |
| HVCC Tournament | |

## Scoreboard

**WOMEN'S RESULTS**

| | |
|---|---|
| Stevens Tech | 8th |
| Lehman College | 17th |
| York College | 7th |
| St. Joseph's Invt. | 10th |
| HVCC Tournament | |

Men's Coach Frank Carbone



# Seniors

At last, our time has come. Four years ago, the idea of graduating from college was a distant one. It was always in the back of our minds, but it seemed so far off as to not warrant much of our attention. But the years raced by--and before we knew it, it became a palpable reality for us. A graduation, with all its pomp and pageantry, is a highly symbolic affair. Perhaps we knew it was imminent when we sat for our senior photographs in the fall of our final year. Hoods, robes--all the trappings of the college graduate were there and are displayed here, along with more informal pictures of us, our faces unfettered by cares about the future. But the future tip-toed up soon enough, and then, it was over. Our time at St. Joseph's College was behind us--with these photos of the Class of 2008 as memories.

The diploma--the most prized of all SJC possessions

A lasting memento of four years at St. Joseph's College

# Liz Afre

Liz has had a very active career at St. Joseph's College. She will graduate in June with a Bachelor of Science degree with a major in Biology.
At SJC, she was the vice-president of the Student Ambassadors Club, an Orientation Leader for two years, and a member of both the Science Club and the Art Club.
She also attended the CSSJ High School Conference entitled, "Love of God and Neighbor Without Distinction" through S. Susan Wilcox's Campus Ministry and Outreach.
Liz was also a member of Beta Beta Beta National Biology Honor Society.
She plans on parlaying her lifelong interest in science into a career in medicine, hoping to enter medical school upon graduating from SJC.
Her interests include arts and crafts, photography and scrapbooking.
Liz would like to extend particular thanks to her parents and her sister for all their support during her college years, and to her friends and professors for making her four years at St. Joseph's College both great and memorable.
After graduation, her friends may remain in contact with her via email at Lizzypooh586@aol.com.

"The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams."
**--Eleanor Roosevelt**

# Christina Ament

Christina will graduate in June with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Human Relations with minors in Spanish and Business.
At St. Joe's, she has been the editor-in-chief of *The Spirit* for four years, the editor-in-chief of *Footprints 2008*, a member of the varsity Volleyball and Softball teams for four years, a member of the Dance Team, Special Events Coordinator of CAB, the Senior Rep for the Class of 2008, and a member of the Business Club, Psychology Club and PAWS. She was named an Academic All-American for two years in both softball and volleyball and was also tapped as the "Most Improved Softball Player" on the Lady Bears squad.
She is the holder of a Presidential Scholarship and has been a member of Sigma Iota Chi Honor Society for three years, for which she will receive a key at commencement. She was also part of the Honors program at SJC.
Christina would like to thank her mother (who is her hero) and Jimmy for all their support. Also, she would like to thank Howie for seeing ambition in her and making her editor-in-chief her freshman year.Thanks too to Coaches Carbone and Schober for allowing her to be part of SJC's great Lady Bear teams. Thanks to her friends and her boyfriend for giving her strength and support whenever she faced any obstacles. Friends may contact Christina at cament12@hotmail.com.

"What could I say to you that would be of value, except that perhaps you seek too much, that as a result of your seeking, you cannot find."
**--Hermann Hesse, *Siddhartha***

# Eurydice Bonaventure

Eurydice will receive her Bachelor of Science degree with a major in Chemistry in June.

She has been a very active student at St. Joe's as a member of the Fashion Club, the Caribbean Students' Association, the Student Ambassadors Club, Beta Upsilon Delta and the Science Club. She was named Student Ambassador Club Member of the Year in 2007.

After graduating St. Joseph's College, Eurydice would like to attend Physician Assistant school and following that, medical school.

Her interests and hobbies include reading, writing, listening to music, watching television and spending time with her close friends.

There are many people to whom Eurydice would like to extend thanks including her family and close friends who believed in her and guided her through her college experience. She also would like to thank her many wonderful friends that she made during the past four years. Special thanks to the members of the SJC faculty who helped her, and last but not least, many thanks to her sisters in Beta Upsilon Delta who were with her for both the good times and bad.

After graduation, Eurydice's friends may contact her at spongebobluvr19@yahoo.com.

"Believe in yourself, because without that, nothing else matters."
**–Anonymous**

# Amanda Burke

Amanda will graduate in June with a Bachelor of Arts degree and a major in Child Study.

At St. Joseph's she was a member of the Child Study Club, an activity that dovetailed with her career plans.

She plans on embarking upon a career as an elementary school teacher in the New York City school system after graduation.

Amanda would also like to begin graduate school at Brooklyn College to earn her Master's degree in Education.

Her hobbies include dancing, working out at the local gym, staying with family and enjoying the time she spends with close friends.

She would like to thank her loving family for being so supportive of her endeavors during her college career. She would also like to thank Dr. Esther Berkowitz, who was her thesis adviser. And she extends a special thank you to Mrs. Ruggiano, her kindergarten teacher, who influenced her to become a teacher.

"Never give up!"
**–Anonymous**

# Melissa Cambria

Melissa will be receiving her Bachelor of Arts degree in June with a dual major: Child Study and Speech Pathology.

At St. Joseph's she was a member of the Speech Club, a staff editor for *Calliope: A Journal of the Literary Arts,* and she participated in the Breast Cancer Walk. Following the tragedy at Virgina Tech University, Melissa and her friends organized a bake sale to raise money for the stricken families of the students who perished.

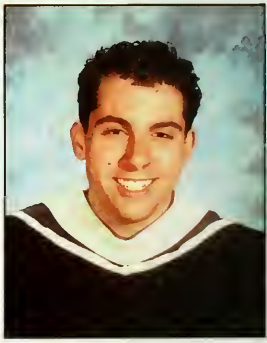
Melissa's academic excellence was recognized by her being selected for the Dean's List.

Following graduation, she would like to begin a graduate program to earn her Master's degree in Education, either at St. Joseph's College, NYU or Hofstra University.

Melissa extends her warmest thanks to her mother, father, Chris, Aunt Donna, Uncle Joe, and her grandmother and grandfather for their patience, guidance and support. And finally, to Margaret, Nicola, Marissa, Katie, Kristina, Sara, Beth, Jenn Imp., Jenn P., Thea, Nicole Mazz, Geoff and Wayne--we finally did it! No matter where we go, we take a little of each other everywhere! Contact Melissa after graduation at lilmissybabezz@aol.com.

"Wherever you go, no matter what the weather, always bring your own sunshine."
**–Anthony D'Angelo**

# John Castaldo



John has had an exceptionally full career at SJC. He will receive his Bachelor of Arts degree with a major in History and a minor in Secondary Education in June.

He is the founder and has been the director of the SJC Jazz Ensemble since his freshman year at St. Joe's. He is also the Music Editor of *The Spirit* and the Assistant Editor of *Footprints.* He has been a member of the Historical Society, the Philosophy Club, the Student Ambassadors Club, the Choral Society, the Council for the Arts and the English Club. John has also been a Peer Tutor and a moderator of Sound Bites.

Academically, he is a member of Sigma Iota Chi and Delta Epsilon Sigma Honor Societies. He has also been selected for the Dean's List and was a member of the Honors Program at SJC. John also received a Leadership in the Arts Award at Spring Convocation.

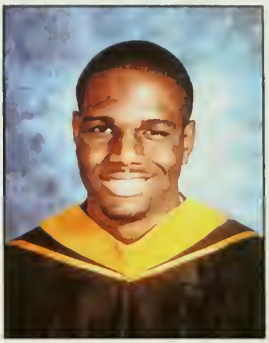
After graduating, John hopes to embark upon a Ph.D. program in history while beginning his teaching career.

His interests include music, reading, real estate and theater.

His thanks go to S. John Raymond, Mrs. McGinnis, S. Margaret, Leon Bernardyn, Peter Maust, Phil Dehne and the SJC Jazz Ensemble.

"Don't go around saying the world owes you a living. The world owes you nothing. It was here first."
**–Mark Twain**

# Schaeffer Charles



Schaeffer will be receiving his Bachelor of Science degree in Biology in June.

He has been one of the most involved students in the Class of 2008. He served as the vice-president of SGA and the SGA parliamentarian; he has been a member of the Science Club, Fashion Club, Student Ambassadors Club, the Caribbean Student Association and he was the Sophomore Representative for his class. He is the founder of Students Joined through Christ and has been a member of Exploting Health Cares and Early Medical Education. He was also the Orientation Chairperson for 2006 and 2007, a member of the College Advisory Council and a member of the Budget Committee.

Schaeffer is the winner of the Dean of Students Leadership Award and the Con Edison Science Scholarship.

Upon graduation, he would like to attend medical school.

His interests include music production, basketball and business.

Schaeffer would like to thank his parents, family, friends, church family, teachers, the Office of Student Life, and the SJC faculty and staff for making his college years so memorable and rewarding.

"Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge him, and He shall direct your paths."
–*Proverbs* 3:5-6

# Kai Lian Chen

Kai will be the recipient of a Bachelor of Science degree with a major in Biology in June of 2008.

At St. Joseph's College, she was the vice-president of the Asian Awareness Club and a member of both the Science Club and the Globe Spotters Club.

Her academic excellence is evidenced by her membership in three honor societies: Delta Epsilon Sigma National Honor Society, Sigma Iota Chi Honor Society and Kappa Mu Epsilon, the National Mathematics Honor Society.

By the fall of her senior year, Kai had been accepted to medical school at Downstate Medical Center to begin her medical training in the fall of 2008.

She would like to specialize in cardiology after she completes her basic residencies.

Her interests include swimming, tennis and reading.

She would like to thank her family, Thierry Gelin, Dr. Sydelle Brooks, Mik Larson, S. Margaret Buckley, Dr. Michael Hanophy and S. Mary Maier for their help and inspiration.

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"It's choice--not chance--that determines your destiny."
**–Jean Nidetch**

# Jennifer Ciago

Jennifer is one of the very few English majors in the Class of 2008. She will receive her Bachelor of Arts degree in June.
At St. Joseph's, Jennifer was very involved in the SJC Jazz Ensemble as a charter member of the group and its vocalist. She was also active in Chapel Players and the English Club.
For academic excellence, she was selected for the Dean's List.
Upon graduation, Jennifer would like to pursue a Master's degree, possibly in Creative Writing.
Her hobbies include singing, writing, reading, drawing, knitting and spelunking.
She extends her thanks to her father, mother, brother and best friend Jim, her boyfriend Joel, and Jesus Christ, her savior.

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"The truth does not change according to our ability to stomach it."
**–Flannery O'Connor**

# Annamarie Ciorciari

One of the star athletes of the Class of 2008, Annamarie will receive her Bachelor of Arts degree in Psychology in June.
From the time of her arrival at SJC, she has been involved in sports. She has earned varsity letters in Basketball, Tennis and Softball over her career. She was also named as a Second Team All-American in Basketball.
After graduating, she would like to go to graduate school to pursue a Master's degree in Counseling or Psychology.
She sends very special thanks to her mother, father and Nicole for their love and support.

"The true test of character is not how much we know how to do, but how we behave when we don't know what to do."
**–John Holt**

# Tonia Corbin

Tonia will receive her Bachelor of Arts degree with a major in Accounting in June of 2008.
At St. Joseph's, she was a member of the Art Club, Business Club, Fashion Club, Caribbean Student Association, Student Ambassadors Club and Students Joined Through Christ.
After gradutating, Tonia would like to pursue an MBA degree so that she can become an auditor.
Her hobbies include reading, cooking, scrapbooking, music and movies.
Tonia wishes to thank her family--immediate and extended, her church family, her co-workers and friends for being so helpful and supportive of her during her college years.

"Our deepest fear is not that we are inadequate. Our deepest fear is that we are powerful beyond measure."
**--Marianne Williamson, *A Return to Love***

# Christopher Cosme

Christopher will receive his Bachelor of Arts degree in June of 2008 with a major in Psychology and a minor in Business.
At SJC, he was the Senate Representative of the Spanish Awareness Club, the president of the Hispanic Awareness Club, a member of the Psychology Club (for which he was also its Senate Representative), the vice-president of the Gaming Club and a Student Orientation leader.
He received a Student Leadership Award for his many extracurricular leadership roles.
After graduation, Christopher would lilke to attend graduate school to pursue a Masters Degree in Industrial Psychology.
His interests include basketball and chess.
Christopher thanks his family and all of his many friends who have guided him through the rigors of undergraduate education.
His friends may contact him at hangtimeand2@aol.com.

"As you think, so shall you become."
**--Bruce Lee**

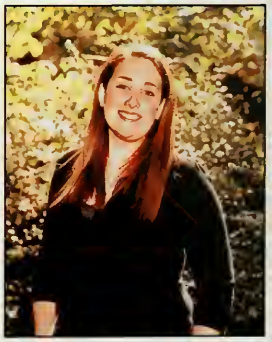
# Duany Cruz

Duany will receive a Bachelor of Arts degree in June 2008 with a dual major in Child Study and Speech Pathology.
She was a member of both the Child Study Club and the Hispanic Awareness Club.
For academic achievement, she was selected for the Dean's List.
After she graduates, Duany would like to begin her career as a teacher in the New York City school system. She also plans on attending graduate school for a Master's degree in either Special Education or Speech Pathology.
In her leisure time, she enjoys reading and spending time with her family and friends.
She would like to thank her family for their unwavering support of her academic and career goals.
After graduation, her friends may contact her at jaylei@hotmail.com.

"Mistakes are the portals of discovery."
**–James Joyce**

# Jessica Cuccia

A dual major, Jessica will receive her Bachelor of Arts degree in Child Study and Communication Sciences in June 2008.
While at St. Joseph's, she was a member of the Child Study Club, the Speech and Language Club and the Student Ambassadors Club. She was also a Peer Counselor and a member of CAB and Chapel Players
Jessica is a member of Delta Epsilon Sigma and Sigma Iota Chi Honor Societies. She has also been selected for the Dean's List and was the recipient of a Leadership Award.
Upon graduation, Jessica plans on entering graduate school to pursue her Master's degree in Speech and Language Pathology.
Her hobbies include reading, shopping and spending quality time with her friends.
She would like to thank her mother, for always being there, her boyfriend Marc, Erin, and all her friends and family for supporting her serving as her inspiration.



"Change. We don't like it, we fear it, but we can't stop it from coming. We either adapt to change or we get left behind. And it hurts to grow. Anybody who tells you it doesn'tis lying. But here's the truth: the more things change, the more they stay the same. And sometimes, oh, sometimes change is good. Oh, sometimes change is...everything."
--Grey's Anatomy

# Elysia Dessereau

Elysia will be receiving her Bachelor of Arts degree in June of 2008 with a major in Early Childhood Education.
Her academic excellence saw her selected for the Dean's List.
Upon graduating, she plans on beginning her teaching career, possibly in the New York City school system. She would also like to begin graduate school in order to earn her Master's degree in Education.
Elysia sends her thanks to her mother (Mindy), father (Frank), brother (Jason) and her boyfriend (Jonathan) for their help and support during her college years.

"When we make dreams a reality, reality becomes a dream come true."
**--Anonymous**

# Angela Errico

Angela will receive her Bachelor of Science degree in June of 2008 with a major in Biology.
At SJC, she was a member of Beta Upsilon Delta sorority, the Dance Team, and she was a Peer Counselor.
She is also a member of the Dean's List and Beta Beta Beta National Biology Honor Society.
Upon graduation, Angela would like to pursue a career in either medicine or nursing, or attend graduate school.
Her hobby is dancing.
She would like to thank her parents, Lenny and Julie, who have always been there to guide her. She also sends her sincerest thanks to Christina and Nicole, who stood by her through so much. To her Dance Team ladies, especially Linda and Nicola, the memories are endless and you have all left an imprint on her heart.
Her friends may keep in contact with her at angela.j.errico@gmail.com

"Do the one thing you think you cannot do. Fail at it. Try again. Do better the second time. the only people who never tumble are those who never mount the high wire. This is your moment. Own it."
**--Oprah Winfrey**

# Sabrina Esposito

Sabrina will be receiving her Bachelor of Science degree in June of 2008 with a major in Accounting.
At SJC, she was a member of the Business Club.
She is also the holder of the Academic Achievement Scholarship.
Upon graduation, Sabrina would like to continue her studies and ultimately become a CPA so that she may one day open up her own accounting business.
Her major hobby is writing.
Sabrina extends her warmest thanks and regards to her entire family who have been so supportive of her while she was in college.

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"In order to succeed, we must first believe that we can."
**–Anonymous**

# Kimberly Favale

Kimberly is a Child Study major who will receive her Bachelor of Arts degree in June of 2008.
At St. Joseph's, she was the co-president of the Student Ambassadors Club, a member of the Child Study Club, and a member of Beta Upsilon Delta sorority.
After graduation, Kimberly would like to begin graduate school to earn a Master's degree in Education.
She would like to thank her parents, family, friends and professors for their inspiration and guidance during her college career.
Her friends may keep in contact with her at LiLKimberry11@aol.com.

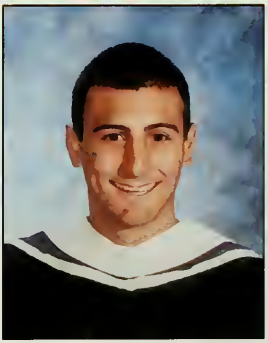
"Every new beginning is some new beginning's end."
**–Bon Jovi**

# Helen Figueroa

Helen will receive her Bachelor of Arts degree in Psychology in June of 2008.
At SJC she was a member of the Hispanic Awareness Club and the Psychology Club.
She would like to thank everyone who showed her love and support, even when she felt she didn't deserve it. Those were the times that she needed it the most.
Her friends may stay in touch with her at spoiledbrat0911@msn.com.

"Take the first step in faith. you don't have to see the whole staircase, just take the first step."
**--Martin Luther King, Jr.**

# Vincent Giglio



Vincent will receive a Bachelor of Arts degree in June of 2008 with a Psychology major and a minor in Business.
He would like to thank his parents, Angela and John, his sister Fran, and his girlfriend Liz for their support and encouragement.

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# Gracia Gustave

Gracia will receive a Bachelor of Arts degree in Business Administration in June of 2008.

At St. Joseph's, he was the manager of the Lady Bears Softball and Basketball teams. He also played baseball and was a sports DJ.

Upon graduating, Gracia would like to attend graduate school at St. Joseph's College and own his own business.

His interests include football and music.

Gracia extends special thanks to Frank Carbone, Walter Sanchez, Joe Cocozello, John Torres and all of St. Joseph's College's teams for giving him such great opportunities as a student.

"If you don't stand for something, you'll fall for anything."
**–Anonymous**

# Margaret Hayes

Margaret is a Child Study major who will receive her Bachelor of Arts degree in June of 2008.

She was selected for the Dean's List because of her academic excellence.

Margaret participated in the Virginia Tech Bake Sale fundraiser along with several other friends.

After graduating, she would like to begin her teaching career either as part of the New York City school system or in a school district on Long Island.

She would also like to begin graduate school to study for a Master's degree in Special Education.

Her interests include shopping, traveling and animals, particularly dogs.

Margaret would like to thank her parents for their continuous love, guidance and support. Without it, she could never have become a college graduate and she appreciates their many sacrifices over the past four years.

She would also like to thank her Child Study girls, who, along with her, understand the stress of becoming a teacher. She will remember the teamwork, memories and lifelong friends that she made.

"Go confidently in the direction of your dreams. Live the life you have imagined."
**–Henry David Thoreau**

# Rocio Hernandez

Rocio is a Child Study major who will be receiving her Bachelor of Arts degree in June of 2008.

During her SJC career, Rocio was very involved in a variety of charitable functions on campus. She participated in the Blood Drive, the Thanksgiving Dinner, the Homeless Clothing Drive, the Canned Food Collection Drive, the Book Drive and various Animal Charity Drives.

Following graduation, she would like to attend graduade school to earn a Master's degree in Social Work.

She enjoys spending her free time with her nieces and nephews.

Rocio would like to extend her thanks to the Institutional Advancement Office and everyone at St. Joseph's who gave her support and encouragement. Additional thanks to her sisters and mother for giving her opportunities to shine. And finally, she thanks her nieces and nephews for the inspiration that they provided her for her education.

"Remember the little things, for they are the ones that matter most."
**--Anonymous**

# Yoshie Hiramoto

Yoshie will be the recipient of a Bachelor of Science degree in June of 2008 with a major in Accounting.

After finishing her undergraduate education, she hopes to start graduate school to earn a Master's degree in Finance or an MBA.

Her hobbies include hiking, swimming and playing golf.

Yoshie would like to thank her parents and professors for the opportunities and support that they have given her.

"Imagination is more important than knowledge."
**--Albert Einstein**

# Jennifer Imperati

Jennifer will be awarded her Bachelor of Arts degree in June of 2008 with a major in Child Study.
At St. Joseph's, she helped organize and run the Virginia Tech Bake Sale, and participated in the Breast Cancer Walk. She was also a member of the Child Study Club.
For academic excellence, Jennifer was selected for the Dean's List.
Following college, she would like to begin graduate school to study for her Master's degree in Education.
Her hobbies and interests include reading, spending time with her family, boyfriend and friends, the New York Mets, running and attending plays.
Jennifer sends her thanks to her family, her boyfriend and all SJC girls who were such a big part of her undergraduate years.
Her friends may keep in contact with her at Jenn8659@aol.com.

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"Every truly great accomplishment is at first impossible."
**–Anonymous**

# Linda Kalmanson

Linda will be receiving her Bachelor of Science degree in June of 2008 in Business Administration.
As an SJC student, she was a member of the Dance Team and then the team captain, a Peer Counselor and a member of the Business Club.
When she graduates, Linda plans on going to work in an accounting firm with the possibility of continuing her education on the graduate level at a later time.
Her main interest outside of school is dance.
Linda would like to thank her mother, father, Kelly, Kim and Craig.
She would also like to extend a special thank you to everyone in St. Joseph's who helped make her time in school so much more enjoyable, especially those teachers who pushed her to do better. She would also like to thank all of the Dance Team members who stuck through it, no matter how difficult it was at times. Her teammates will remain in her heart forever.

"The price of greatness is responsibililty."
**–Sir Winston Churchill**

# Lisa Kay

Lisa is a Child Study major who will be receiving her Bachelor of Arts degree in June of 2008.
Following her graduation, she plans on beginning her teaching career, possibly in the New York City school system. She also anticipates beginning graduate school to begin her studies for a Master's degree in Literacy.
At St. Joseph's, Lisa was a member of Beta Upsilon Delta sorority and also a member of the Child Study Club.
For academic excellence, she was elected to Sigma Iota Chi and selected for membership on the Dean's List.
She would like to thank her parents, sister, family members and friends for their love and support throughout her life.
Friends may keep in contact with her at LMK8586@aol.com.

"The past is behind us; learn from it. The future is ahead; prepare for it.
The present is here--live it."
**--Thomas S. Morton**

# Nicole Kirschner

Nicole is a Biology major who will receive her Bachelor of Science degree in June of 2008.
After graduation, she would like to either study medicine or become a Physician's Assistant at Pace University, SUNY Downstate or NYU.
At SJC, she was a member of Beta Upsilon Delta sorority and a Peer Counselor.
For academic excellence, she was elected to Beta Beta Beta National Biology Honor Society. She was also the recipient of the Blanch Knauth full tuition scholarship when she enrolled at St. Joseph's College.
Her chief interest is the New York Yankees.
Nicole would like to thank her parents, friends and her science professors who kept her on track.
She would also especially like to thank Christina Napoli and Angela Errico for going through the past four years with her. They both kept her on her feet and she hopes that she has done the same for them.
Her friends may contact her at Nikki2686@aol.com.

"The saddest thing in life is wasted talent."
***--A Bronx Tale***

# Afrodite Konstandakis

Afrodite will receive her Bachelor of Arts degree with a double major in Child Study and Speech in June of 2008.
Following graduation, she would like to start her teaching career and begin studying for her Master's degree in Education.
For academic excellence, she was selected as a member of the Dean's List.
Her hobbies include traveling and snowboarding.
Afrodite would like to thank her mother (Maria), her father (John), her sister (Irene) and her brother (Manny) for their support, love and inspiration.

"So many of our dreams at first seem impossible, then they seem improbable and then, when we summon the will, they soon become inevitable."
**--Christopher Reeve**

# Nicole Larkin

Nicole will be receiving her Bachelor of Arts degree as a Child Study major with an English concentration in June of 2008.
Following her graduation, she plans on starting her Master's degree.
At St. Joseph's, Nicole was on the Tennis Team and she was a member of the Art Club, Beta Upsilon Delta sorority and Chapel Players. She was also the founder, president and club treasurer of LGBQ & Friends.
She would like to thank her parents for their love and support.
Friends may contact her at NicoleL1028@gmail.com.

"It's not who you are, but what you become of yourself as you grow and change that makes the difference."
**–Anonymous**

# Emily Lauria

Emily will be receiving her Bachelor of Arts degree as a Human Relations major in June of 2008.
Her dream, following graduation, is to become a business owner.
At SJC, Emily was a member of the Dean's List for academic excellence.
She enjoys shopping and the company of good friends when she is not in school.
She would like to thank her mother for all her love and support, and her many friends and family for believing in her.
Her friends may keep in contact with her at Irisheyes1703@aol.com.

"Wherever you go, go with all your heart."
**–Confucius**

# Kathleen Lee

Kathleen is a Child Study major who will receive her Bachelor of Arts degree in June of 2008.
Subsequent to her graduation, she would like to become an elementary school teacher in the New York City school system. She also plans to pursue a Master's degree in Education at Queens College of the City of New York.
At SJC, Kathleen participated in the Up 'Til Dawn letter-writing fundraiser for St. Jude's Children's Hospital in Memphis, Tennessee. She also helped organize and participated in the Virginia Tech Bake Sale.
Outside of school, she teaches CCD classes for her church.
Kathleen pursues an active social life and enjoys traveling, skiing, snowboarding and other outdoor activities as well as reading.
She would like to thank her parents, her brother, and her family who have supported her through all the many choices she has made.
Additionally, she would like to thank all the 'St. Joey' girls who have made the past four years of school memorable and the weekends unforgettable.

"Wherever you go, go with all your heart."
**–Confucius**

# Hong Qin Liu

Hong will receive her Bachelor of Arts degree with a major in Child Study in June of 2008.
Following graduation, she will begin her teaching career.
At St. Joseph's she was a member of the Asian Awareness Club, the Child Study Club and the Globe Spotters Club.
Her main hobby outside of school is reading.
Hong would like to thank S. Margaret Buckley, S. Rosemary Lesser and Professor McGettrick for all their help and inspiration.
Her friends may keep in touch with her at LIUHONGQIN1218@yahoo.com.

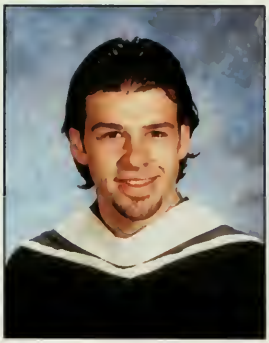
"An education isn't how much you have committed to memory or how much you know. It's being able to differentiate between what you do know and what you don't."
**–Anatole France**

# Natalie Luna

Natalie will graduate in June of 2008 with a Bachelor of Arts degree and a double major in Child Study and Speech Pathology.
Following graduation, she plans on becoming a public school teacher and pursuing her Master's degree in Speech.
At St. Joseph's, she was a member of the Hispanic Awareness Club and for her academic achievements, was selected for the Dean's List.
Her interests include dancing, traveling and spending time with her close friends and family.
Natalie sends special thanks to her mother, father, Vanessa, Oliver and all her friends and family for their support while she was a student.

"Life isn't about finding yourself. Life is about creating yourself."
**–George Bernard Shaw**

# Adam Mace



Adam will receive his Bachelor of Arts degree in Speech Communication in June of 2008.
Following his graduation, he plans on pursuing a Master of Arts degree in Theater Education while furthering his theatrical career.
At SJC, he was the President of SGA, the Program Director of CAB, President of Chapel Players, Secretary of Chapel Players, Treasurer of the SJC Choral Society, Co-editor of *The Spirit*, Freshman Representative, and a member of Student Ambassadors, the Council for the Arts, the Dance Club, the College Advisory Council, the Student Judiciary Committee and he was an Orientation Leader.
His chief interest is the performing arts.
He would like to thank his family, Jaime Lee Hoefner, Sherrie VanArnam, The Fantastic 4, Andrea, SGA and CAB for all their support.
Upon graduation, his friends may contact him at Amace46@gmail.com.

"Nothing in this world worth having comes easy."
***--Scrubs***

# Patrick Mahon

Patrick will receive his Bachelor of Arts degree with a major in History and a minor in Secondary Education.
Upon graduating, he would like to become a Social Studies Teacher and enter graduate school to study for his Master's degree in History.
At St. Joseph's, Patrick was a member of the History Club, the Historical Society, and the English Club. He was also a Peer Tutor and a member of the SJC Jazz Ensemble.
He is a member of two college honor societies, Sigma Iota Chi and Delta Epsilon Sigma. He is also a member of the Dean's List.
Patrick has a number of outside interests which include music, sports, singing, reading and studying history.
He would like to thank his mother and father, John Castaldo, Mark Wilson, Francesca Dolan, Amanda Young, S. John Raymond, S. Margaret Buckley, Professor Peter Maust, Professor Phil Dehne, Professor Richard Torz and Mrs. McGinnis for their help and inspiration.
After graduation, his friends may contact him at either pmahon86@gmail.com or GoudaMan36@aol.com.

"Duty is the most sublime word in our language. Do your duty in all things. You cannot do more. You should never wish to do less."
**–General Robert E. Lee**

# Marissa Marucci

Marissa will receive her Bachelor of Arts degree as a Child Study major in June of 2008.

After graduation, she plans on becoming an elementary school teacher and entering graduate school to study for her Master's degree.

Her interests include being around children, loving animals, anything and everything Disney, *The Phantom of the Opera,* horror movies and surrounding herself with friends.

She would like to thank the people who have always believed in her: her parents, Deborah and Joe, my love Joseph, her family and her friends.

Marissa would like to give an extended thanks to her St. Joey's girls--Jennifer, Nicola, Missy, Nicole, Mazz, Elizabeth, Adelee, Gina, Katie, Kristina, Beth, Margaret, Lisa, Sara, Katharina and Andrea. She would not have survived the stressful, memorable and amazing years without them. Little Harvard will be in her heart forever thanks to them.

She would also like to thank the Child Study Department for guiding and helping her to make the decision to be a teacher. All the hard work was worth it.

"Dance as though no one is watching you. Love as though you have hurt before. Sing as though no one can hear you, and live as though heaven is on Earth."
**–Souza**

# Sara Massimino

Sara will receive her Bachelor of Arts degree in June of 2008 with a double major in Child Study and Speech Communications.

Following graduation, she plans to become a full-time teacher and pursue her Master's degree part-time.

At St. Joseph's, Sara was a member of the Dance Team, Beta Upsilon Delta sorority and the Child Study Club.

She was elected to Sigma Iota Chi Honor Society and received a leadership award as Events Coordinator for Beta Upsilon Delta.

Her hobbies include dancing, watching movies and shopping.

Sara would like to thank Susan, all her professors, her adviser, Dr. Hope, and all her friends for their support, inspiration and assistance.

"Do not look back and grieve over the past, for it is gone. And do not be troubled about the future, for it has not yet come. Live in the present, and make it so beautiful that it will be worth remembering.
**--Ida Scott Taylor**

# Kristina Mastropietro

Kristina is a Child Study major who will receive her Bachelor of Arts degree in June of 2008.

Following her graduation, she would like to become an elementary school teacher in the New York City school system. She also plans on embarking upon a graduate program that will lead to her Master's degree in Special Education, possibly at Queens College or Touro College.

Her interests include dancing, traveling, clubbing and shopping.

Kristina would like to extend her special thanks to her mother, father, brothers and boyfriend, Allan as well as to her family and friends for their tireless support and encouragement.

She would also like to particularly thank S. Rosemary Lesser for providing inspiration to her in the field of Special Education.

Her friends may keep in contact with her at Krisdacutie@aol.com.

"Live like tomorrow is your last."
**--Anonymous**

# Nicole Mazzarella

Nicole will receive her Bachelor of Arts degree in June of 2008 with a dual major in Child Study and Communications Studies.

After graduation, she plans on getting a job as a teacher and entering graduate school. She would like to earn her Master's degree in Literacy and follow this with a second Master's degree in Speech Pathology. Ultimately, Nicole would like to become a Speech Pathologist.

At SJC, she was a member of Beta Upsilon Delta sorority, the Child Study Club and the Speech and Language Club.

Her academic excellence has been recognized through her election to Sigma Iota Chi Honor Society and her selection for the Dean's List. She is also the winner of a Leadership Award resulting from her tenure as Events Coordinator of Beta Upsilon Delta.

Nicole would like to thank her mother and father and John for everything they have done for her. She would also like to extend thanks to the rest of her family and her friends for their encouragement and help.

"Everyone gets one chance to do something great. Most people never take the chance, either 'cause they're too scared or they don't recognize it when it spits on their shoes. Follow your heart, kid, and you'll never go wrong."
***--The Sandlot***

# Yolanda McDonald

Yolanda will be graduating in June of 2008 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Speech and Social Sciences.

After graduation, she plans on pursuing her studies on the graduate level for a Master's degree.

At SJC, Yolanda was a member of Campus Ministry, the Student Legal Society, the Dance Club, the Asian Awareness Club and the Student Orientation Staff.

She was also a Work Study student and was named Outstanding Work Study Student. She also received a Club Officer Recognition Award for her work with Campus Ministry.

Her interests include reading, going to church and socializing with friends.

Yolanda would like to thank God, her family and her one and only love, Okitto Robinson.

"Pray without ceasing."
**–I Thessalonians 5:17**

# Katharina McFadden

Katharina will receive her Bachelor of Arts degree in June of 2008 with a major in Child Study.

She would like to become an elementary school teacher in the New York City school system and enter graduate school at St. Joseph's College to earn a Master's degree in Literacy.

Katharina would like to thank her family, her friends, her fiancee Will, and all those who supported her and encouraged her while she was in college.

"The beginning of a life, full of joy, happiness and success, begins with you."
**–Anonymous**

# Emily McManus

Emily will receive her Bachelor of Arts degree with a major in Speech Communication in June of 2008.
She has not yet decided what she will do after graduation; she is still figuring it all out, but will reach some conclusions soon.
At St. Joseph's, Emily appeared in all of the Chapel Players productions from the time she was a freshman through her senior year.
As a member of the Honors Program at SJC, she traveled to Paris following her junior year.
Her interests include art, fashion, photography and acting.
She would like to thank her mother, without whose support she would not have gotten this far, her grandparents, and her best friends.
Her friends may contact her at em.ilyoui@gmail.com.

"Dream as if you'll live forever; live as if you'll die today."
**–James Dean**

# Svetlana Medvedeva

Svetlana will receive her Bachelor's degree in June of 2008 with a dual major in Psychology and Mathematics.
She was extremely active in extracurriculars at St. Joseph's. She was a member of three varsity sports teams: Volleyball, Basketball and Tennis. She was the Photography Editor for both *The Spirit* and *Footprints* for four years. In addition to being an Orientation Leader, Svetlana was a member of PAWS, the Psychology Club and the Philosopy Club.
She has been inducted into both the National Psychology Honor Society and the National Mathematics Honor Society. As a member of the Honors Program at SJC, she traveled to Paris with the group after her junior year.
There are too many people at St. Joseph's to thank in a limited space, but Svetlana would like to thank her parents and her many, many friends in school who made the four years of college such a pleasure.
Her friends may contact her at Svetlana257@aol.com.

"If you have built castles in the air, you work need not be lost; that is where they should be. Now put the foundation under them."
**–Henry David Thoreau**

# Cindy ShaoHua Mei

Cindy is a Chemistry major who will receive her Bachelor of Science degree in June of 2008.
Following graduation, she would like to enter graduate school to study Pharmacy and make that her career.
At St. Joseph's, she was a member of the Science Club, Asian Awareness Club, Art Club and Student Ambassadors Club. She was also an Orientation Leader.
For academic excellence, she was elected to Sigma Iota Chi Honor Society and is a member of the Dean's List.
Her main hobby and interest is painting.
Cindy would like to thank her mother, father, two brothers and Benny for their encouragement and support.

"If you don't have a smile, I'll give you one of mine."
**–Anonymous**

# Robert Marriello

Robert will be receiving his Bachelor of Science degree in Computer Information Systems in June of 2008.
At SJC, he was the Tech editor and columnist of *The Spirit* as well as a reporter for four years. He was also a member of the Student Ambassadors Club.
His major interests include computers, technology and fiction books.
Robert would like to thank his family, friends and all the other miscellaneous people who helped him get through school.
His friends may keep in contact with him at rj_eagle_86@yahoo.com.

"There are things you can't walk away from. Not if you want to live with yourself afterward."
**–Harry Dresden**

# Michael Multari

Michael will receive his Bachelor of Science degree in Computer Information Systems in June of 2008.
He plans on using the knowledge he gained in his computer studies at SJC to become a software developer as a career.
While at St. Joseph's, he was a member of the Historical Society and the Philosophy Club. He was also the Assistant Director of the SJC Jazz Ensemble and the Freshman Class Representative.
He is the recipient of a Club Leadership Award and an Information Technology Certificate.
His interests include playing music and martial arts.
Michael would like to thank God, his wonderful parents and sister, and all of his supportive friends and family for their help and guidance during his college years.

"It's such a fine line between stupid and clever."
**--David St. Hubbins**

# Christina Napoli

Christina will receive her Bachelor of Science degree with a major in Biology in June of 2008.
Following her graduation from St. Joseph's she would like to return to school to become a Physician's Assistant.
At SJC she was a member of Beta Upsilon Delta sorority and a Peer Counselor. Outside of school, she is a seven-year member of Bravo Volunteer Ambulance both as a dispatcher and a licensed EMT.
She is the recipient of the Presidential Scholarship at St. Joseph's and she is a member of Beta Beta Beta National Biology Honor Society.
Her interests include working at the ambulance corps and learning about emergency treatment of patients in need.
Christina would like to thank her parents and her science teachers who have guided her every step of the way. She would especially like to extend many thanks to Angela Errico and Nicole Kirchner, who have made such a difference in her life. She is honored to have been a significant part of their lives as well.
Friends may keep in touch with her at C.MarieNapoli@gmail.com.

"Real integrity is doing the right thing, knowing that nobody's going to know whether you did it or not."
**--Oprah Winfrey**

# Nicola O' Connor

Nicola is a dual major in Child Study and Speech Pathology. She will receive her Bachelor of Arts degree in June of 2008.
After graduation, she plans to become an elementary school teacher while going to graduate school for her Master's degree.
At SJC, she was a member and captain of the Dance Team and she was also a Peer Counselor.
For her academic excellence, she was elected to Sigma Iota Chi Honor Society and was a member of the Dean's List.
Her chief interest outside of school is dance.
Nicola would like to thank her parents, Steve and Trish, her brothers Joey and Chris, her friends and her boyfriend Matt for their support and encouragement. She would also like to thank all the friends she made at St. Joe's for making the last four years so memorable. The girls in the Child Study program have become a second family for her and her friends on the Dance Team have made the countless hours spent in rehearsal worthwhile, and have contributed to her college years being unforgettable.
Her friends may contact her at noconnor28@yahoo.com.

"The things you regret in life are the risks you don't take."
**–A.C. (1983-2005)**

# Laura Pagan

Laura will receive her Bachelor of Arts degree with a major in Psychology in June of 2008.
She plans on entering a Ph.D. program for Counseling Psychology.
For academic excellence, Laura was selected for the Dean's List.
Her hobbies include singing and dancing, and she would like to learn to play the piano.
She extends her special thanks to the members of the Psychology Department for being so helpful and inspirational to her.
Friends may contact her at Laurita42790@aol.com.

"Life is full of moments that come and go, but what you learn lasts forever."
**–Anonymous**

# Melissa Palermo

Melissa is a double major in Child Study and Speech. She will receive her Bachelor of Arts degree in 2008.
She would like to be an elementary school teacher in the public school system and pursue a Master's degree in Speech Pathology.
At SJC, Melissa was a member and the secretary of the Child Study Club and a member of the Honors program for four years.
For her academic excellence, she was elected to Sigma Iota Chi and was a member of the Dean's List for four years.
She would like to thank her mother, father, sister and brother for all their support, guidance and love while she was a college student.
Her friends may keep in touch with her at MPAL729@aol.com.

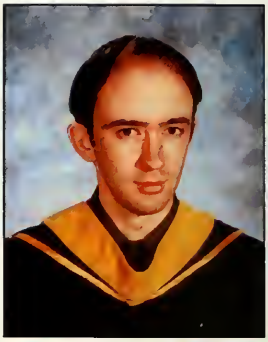
"There is nothing noble in being superior to some other person. The true nobility is in being superior to your previous self."
**–Indian Proverb**

# Kaloutie Paltoo

Kaloutie will receive her Bachelor of Science degree with a major in Biology in June of 2008.
She is hoping to attend graduate school at NYU or SUNY Downstate.
At SJC, she participated in the Blood Drive, and various other fundraisers for charitable organizations. She was a member of the Student Ambassadors Club and helped organize the Karaoke Party. She was the treasurer of the Science Club and treasurer of Student Ambassadors.
For her academic achievements, she was elected to Sigma Iota Chi Honor Society and Beta Beta Beta National Biology Honor Society.
Her hobbies include dancing and writing poetry.
She would like to thank her parents, the SJC faculty and all her supportive friends who have stood by her for her four years of college.

"Every step you take is a step away from where you used to be."
**–Anonymous**

# Anis Papando



Anis will receive his Bachelor of Science degree with a major in Biology in June of 2008.
Following graduation, he plans on attending dental school.
His academic excellence led to his election to Sigma Iota Chi Honor Society and his selection for the Dean's List.
His interest's include playing soccer and traveling.
He would like to thank his professors who have helped him fulfill his goals.

"Dream as if you'll live forever. Live as if you'll die today."
**–James Dean**

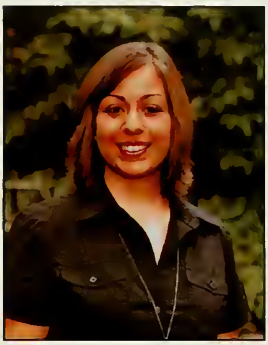
# Nicole Penaranda

Nicole will receive her Bachelor of Arts degree in Communication Studies in June of 2008.
She would like to attend graduate school to study Speech Pathology. After earning her Master's degree, she would like to be a Speech-Language Pathologist.
Nicole is the recipient of the prestigious Presidential Scholarship at SJC. She was elected to Sigma Iota Chi Honor Society and was a member of the Dean's List. She also received an SJC Leadership award.
At SJC, she was a member of Beta Upsilon Delta sorority, the SJC Choral Society, the Speech Club and the Honors Program. She was also an Orientation Leader.
Her interests include music, art, reading, shopping and going out in the city.
Nicole would like to thank her mother and father, and her brother, David. She would also like to thank her 'bestests' Emmy and Ally, her Beta Upsilon Delta sisters.

"When we were children, we used to think that when we were grown-ups we would no longer be vulnerable. But to grow up is to accept vulnerability...to be alive is to be vulnerable."
**–Madeline L'Engle**

# Janet Penigian

Janet is a Child Study major and she will receive her Bachelor of Arts degree in June of 2008.
Following graduation, she plans to embark upon a teaching career on the elementary school level. She also plans to enter graduate school and study for her Master's degree.
At SJC, she was the treasurer and a member of the SJC Jazz Ensemble.
For excellence in academics, she was elected to both Sigma Iota Chi Honor Society and Delta Epsilon Sigma National Honor Society. She was also selected for membership on the Dean's List.
Her major interest in life outside of school is shopping.
Janet would like to thank her Mother, her father, Michael, Pop Pop, Ariana and Jimmy for their love and support during her college years.
Friends may keep in contact with her at Jan683@aol.com.



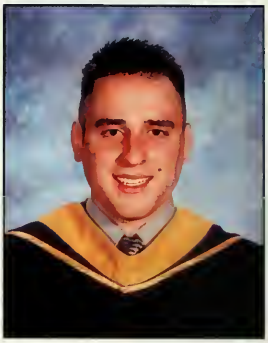
"The way to get started is to quit talking and begin doing."
**–Walt Disney**

# Danielle Perina

Danielle will receive her Bachelor of Arts degree with a major in Child Study in June of 2008.
Following graduation, she would like to become an elementary school teacher in the New York City school system. She would also like to begin her studies for her Master's degree in Education at Brooklyn College.
At SJC, Danielle was a member of the Child Study Club.
Her interests include shopping, traveling, and spending time with her friends.
She would like to thank her parents, her sister Victoria, her boyfriend Edwin, her grandmother and her friends who have been her biggest support and helped her through school.
Her friends may stay in contact with her at BknyBiach@aol.com.

"Live--Laugh--Love"
**–Anonymous**

# Keith Plumer



Keith will be the recipient of a Bachelor of Science degree with a major in Business Administration.
He plans on attending graduate school upon graduation and would like to go into the field of sports management.
At SJC, he was a member of the business club.
His major interests include sports, working out and traveling.
Keith would like to thank S. Margaret Buckley, Professor Fasano, Professor Torz and Professor Capela for inspiring and guiding him. He would also like to thank his family and his girlfriend Allyson for their support and love throughout his college career.
Keith would also like to congratulate all the members of the Class of 2008 and thank his many friends for making his stay at St. Joseph's College so memorable.

"99% of success is simply showing up."
**–Anonymous**

# Danielle Prologo

Danielle is a Child Study major who will be receiving her Bachelor of Arts degree in June of 2008.
After graduation, she hopes to find a job as an elementary school teacher while at the same time, entering graduate school to pursue her Master's degree in Education.
She is the holder of the prestigious Presidential Scholarship at St. Joseph's and is also a member of the Honors Program.
At SJC, she was a member of the Dance Team and an Orientation Counselor.
She sends this personal note to her family: "My past, present, and future! I love my cop!"

"Right actions for the future are the best apologies for wrong ones in the past."
**–Tyron Edwards**

# Allyson Putre

Allyson will be receiving her Bachelor of Arts degree with a major in Communications Studies and a minor in Psychology in June of 2008. Upon graduation, she plans on entering graduate school to become a Speech Pathologist.

At SJC, she was a member and the president of Beta Upsilon Delta Sorority, a member and president of the Speech and Language Club, the Chapel Players, *The Spirit,* and the Dance Club. She was also an Orientation Leader and a member of the Orientation Planning Staff. Additionally, Allyson was on the executive board for St. Jude's Children's Hospital.

She is the holder of a Presidential Scholarship at St. Joseph's and is also a member of the Honors Program, with whom she travled to Paris after her junior year. Allyson was also elected to Sigma Iota Chi Honor Society.

Her interests include baking, music, poetry--and napping.

Allyson would like to extend thanks, especially to her parents and all her friends who have supported her dreams.

Her friends may stay in touch with her at AMPShine@aol.com.

"There is not one big cosmic meaning for all. There is only one meaning we give to our life, an individual meaning, an individual plot, like an individual novel, a book for each person."
**--Anais Nin**

# Kristina Rabich

Kristina is a Child Study major and will receive her Bachelor of Arts degree in June of 2008.

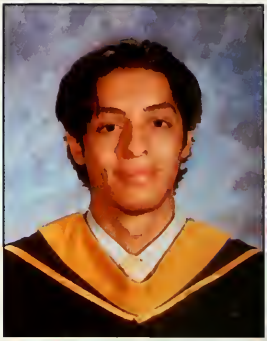
She plans on becoming an elementary school teacher in the New York City school system. She also plans on entering graduate school at Queens College to earn her Master's degree in Education.

Her interests include shopping, dancing and traveling.

Kristina would like to thank her family, especially her parents, for all their support. She also would like to thank her boyfriend Carlo, and all her SJC girls.

"Live life to the fullest."
**--Anonymous**

# Francisco Rangel



Francisco will receive his Bachelor of Arts degree in Business Administration with a minor in Mathematics in June of 2008.

Following his graduation, he plans on entering graduate school to study for his MBA degree. Eventually, he plans on sitting for the CPA exam to obtain his certification.

At SJC, Francisco was a member of the Philosphy Club, Business Club and Hispanic Awareness Club. He was also a Sound Bites moderator and a Math faculty seminar presenter.

For his achievements in scholarship, he was elected to Sigma Iota Chi Honor Society and Delta Epsilon Sigma National Honor Society.

His hobbies and interests include soccer, drawing, video production and music composition.

Francisco would like to thank his mother and father and his professors for their love, guidance and support.

"A human being is part of a whole, called by us, the Universe, a part limited in time and space. He experiences himself, his thoughts and feelings as something separated from the rest--a kind of optical delusion of his consciousness. his delusion is a kind of a prison for us, restricting us to our personal desires and to affection for a few persons nearest to us. Our task must be to free ourselves from this prison by widening our circles of compassion to embrace all living creatures and the whole of nature in its beauty."
**--Albert Einstein**

# Antonela Ratiu

Antonela is a Biology major who will receive her Bachelor of Science degree in June of 2008.

Following graduation, she plans on entering medical school to become a physician.

At SJC, she was a member of the Science Club and a member and President of PAWS.

For her scholarly achievements, she was elected to Sigma Iota Chi Honor Society, Delta Epsilon Sigma National Honor Society and Beta Beta Beta National Biology Honor Society.

Her interests include photography, learning new languages and rollerblading.

Antonela would like to thank her mother and father, her husband and her grandmother for their continual support and encouragement.

Her friends may keep in contact with her at vampheart1984@yahoo.com.

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"Time is the coin of your life. It is the only coin you have, and only you can determine how it will be spent. Be careful, lest you let other people spend it for you."
**–Carl Sandberg**

# Beth Rizzo

Beth will receive her Bachelor of Arts degree in June of 2008 with a dual major in Child Study and Speech.
At SJC, she was a member of Beta Upsilon Delta sorority, the Speech and Language Club and the Child Study Club.
For academic excellence, she was selected for the Dean's List.
Beth would like to thank her parents and family for their ongoing support through her college years.
She also sends special thanks to Katie Lee, who let her in on Susan's project that led to making amazing friends: Katie, Nic, Kris, Missy, Jen.....Now she will always have a partner for a project until she is 50.

"Not all friendships last forever. Some come and go. Some leave footprints on your heart."
**–Anonymous**

# Andrea Rosado

Andrea will receive her Bachelor of Arts degree in June of 2008 with a dual major in Child Study and Speech.
She plans to enter the teaching profession upon graduation and go to graduate school for her Master's degree.
At SJC, she was Senior Class Representative, SGA secretary, CAB Pulilcity/Financial Coordinator, Choral Society president and treasurer and Chapel Players Secretary and Treasurer. She was also a member of CAB, the Council for the Arts, the Child Study Club, the Student Ambassadors Club and an Orientation Leader.
For her academic excellence, she was elected to Sigma Iota Chi Honor Society and Delta Epsilon Sigma National Honor Society.
She would like to send special thanks to her mother and Anthony for all their love and support. Many thanks to her friends for being there for her and to everyone who guided her throughout these four years.
Her friends may contact her at A_pink_rose86@msn.com.

"The purpose of life is a life of purpose."
**–Robert Byrne**

# Cassandra Seide

Cassandra will receive her Bachelor of Arts degree with a major in Psychology in June of 2008.

She plans on continuing her education in graduate school following graduation as she pursues higher degrees.

At SJC, Cassandra was a member of the Fashion Club, CSA, College Advisory Council, Beta Upsilon Delta sorority, Psychology Club, Student Ambassadors Club, Dance Club and Art Club. She was also an Orientation Leader, Senior Class Representative, a member of the Budget Committee, the Constitution Committee and Students Joined through Christ.

Her interests and hobbies include writing, dancing, studying and spending time with good friends.

Cassandra would like to thank her parents, her family, her best friends, her friends at St. Joe's, her sorority sisters and Mike Barthelemy for their support, love and friendship.

After graduation, her friends may contact her at Poeticlove30@yahoo.com.

"I don't measure a man's success by how high he climbs, but how high he bounces when he hits bottom."
**–General George S. Patton**

# Elizabeth Shivickas

Elizabeth will receive her Bachelor of Arts degree in June of 2008 with a major in Child Study.

Following graduation, she hopes to become a public school teacher.

She would like to thank her parents, Maryann and Frank, and her BFFL Ashley Fuss, Fran and Nicole.

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"Everyday is truly a gift. That is why it's called the present."
**–Anonymous**

# Kerri Ann Smith

Kerri will receive her Bachelor of Arts degree in June of 2008 with a dual major in Child Study and Speech.

Following graduation, Kerri plans on becoming an elementary school teacher. At the same time, she will enter graduate school to begin studying for her Master's degree in Literacy. Then, she will pursue a second Master's degree to become a principal.

At SJC, she was a member of the Dance Team and Beta Upsilon Delta sorority.

She would like to thank her parents for everything they have given her. She also would like to thank Danilo for always supporting her. Additional thanks to family and friends, her sisters and Bud who have been so instrumental in inspiring and helping her.

Be glad of life, because it gives you the chance to love and to work and to play and to look up at the stars."
**--Henry Van Dyke**

# Marzena Stadnicka

Marzena will receive her Bachelor of Science degree in June of 2008 with a major in Biology.

After graduation, she hopes to go to dental school.

At SJC, Marzena spent four years as one of the mainstays of the Lady Bears Volleyball Team, helping the girls to three consecutive conference championships.

She was named an All-American for volleyball as well as an Academic All-American for the sport. She is also a member of Sigma Iota Chi Honor Society and Delta Epsilon Sigma National Honor Society. Additionally, she was elected to Beta Beta Beta National Biology Honor Society.

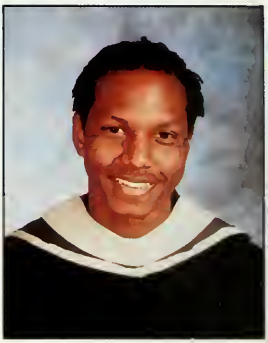
Her interests include reading, traveling and socializing.

Mazena would like to thank her family, her friends, S. Mary Maier and Professor Hanophy for their support and guidance.

Her friends may keep in touch with her at mayany85@yahoo.com.

"Friends are angels who lift us to our feet when our wings have trouble remembering how to fly."
**--Anonymous**

# Atiba Theophille



Atiba is an English major and a Secondary Education minor who will receive his Bachelor of Arts degree in June of 2008.
He plans on becoming a high school English teacher after graduation and also entering the field of journalism.
At SJC, Atiba was an Academic Tutor, a vocalist with the SJC Jazz Ensemble, a reporter for *The Spirit* and an editor of *Calliope: A Journal of the Literary Arts.*
His hobbies include writing, singing, studying religion and dancing.
Atiba would like to extend his thanks to Dr. Jennings, Professor Gabel, Professor Rose, Grace Wang, Frankie Salizaro, S. Margaret Buckley, S. John Raymond, Joan Theophille, Noah Kaplan, Frank La Terra and the entire SJC staff.
Following graduation, his friends may remain in contact with him at atheophille@gmail.com.

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"Courage is not the absence of fear; it is the will to continue in spite of being frightened."
**--Anonymous**

# Andrea Vaskas

Andrea will receive her Bachelor of Arts degree in June of 2008 with a major in Child Study.
After graduation, she plans on becoming an elementary school teacher in the New York City school system.
She would like to thank her mother, father, Chris, Paul and Logan for supporting and inspiring her during her college career.

"The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams."
**--Eleanor Roosevelt**

# Danielle Vendemio

Danielle will be receiving her Bachelor of Arts degree with a Child Study major in June of 2008.

She plans on becoming a public school teacher after graduation.

At St. Joseph's, she was recognized for academic excellence by being selected for the Dean's List. She is also the holder of an SJC Presidential Scholarship.

Her major interests are reading and writing.

Danielle would like to thank her family, friends, boyfriend and teachers for standing by her and guiding her through the journey of college.

"To laugh often and much, to win the respect of intelligent people and the affection of children...to leave the world a better place...to know even one life has breathed easier because you have lived. This is to have succeeded."
**--Ralph Waldo Emerson**

# Sergine Volot

Sergine will receive her Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration with a minor in Economics in June of 2008.

She plans on someday opening her own business and attending Hofstra University to earn an MBA degree.

At SJC, she was a member of the Business Club.

Her hobbies include dancing, reading and art.

Sergine would like to thank Sydelle Brooks, Mike Larson, Suzie James, and Lily Shmulevich of the Counseling Office for their help and advice during her college career.

"With a positive attitude, you will get anywhere."
**–Anonymous**

# Wayne Warmbier

Wayne will receive his Bachelor of Arts degree in Business Administration in June of 2008.

He would like to be a banker following graduation and is planning on attending graduate school to earn his MBA degree.

Wayne was a major factor in the success of the SJC Bears Basketball Team. He also was a member of the Baseball Team. As a basketballer, he was named USCAA Player of the Week, Hudson Valley Player of the Week and Rookie of the Year.

His interests include sports and reading about the stock market.

Wayne would like to thank his mother and father, his brother, other family members, his friends, all his professors, Sherri VanArnam and Coach Joe Cocozello for their help and support during his college career.

"A great leader's courage to fulfill his vision comes from passion, not position."
**--John Maxwell**

# Kristin Welch

Kristin will receive her Bachelor of Arts degree with a major in Child Study in June of 2008.

She plans on teaching elementary school in the New York City school system after graduation. She also plans on attending Touro College to earn her Master's degree in Education.

At SJC, she participated in the Up Til Dawn fundraising campaign for St. Jude's Children's Hospital and the Virginia Tech Bake Sale.

She is the holder of the P.O. Moira Smith Memorial Scholarship at St. Joseph's.

Her interests include traveling and reading in a variety of subjects. She also enjoys the company of good friends.

She would like to thank her family and friends for their unending support and help while she was a student. In particular, Kristin thanks her St. Joey's girls for being such great help to her and for being her friends.

"All our dreams can come true...if we have the courage to pursue them."
**--Walt Disney**

# Magdalena Wiecek

Magdalena wil receive a Bachelor of Science degree with a major in Biology in June of 2008.

At St. Joseph's, she was one of the standout members of the Lady Bears Volleyball Team that won three consecutive conference championships.

She was named a USCAA All-American twice, a USCAA Academic All-American, the MVP of the HVAC in volleyball, and was named Player of the Week several times. She is also a member of Sigma Iota Chi Honor Society and Beta Beta Beta National Biology Honor Society.

Her hobbies include volleyball, poetry, music and biology.

Magdalena would like to thank her mother, her sister, her future husband Peter, Coach Mike Shober, Mario Tang, Sylwia and Ms B. for their assistance and guidance during her four years at St. Joe's.

Her friends may keep in contact with her at Blackrose85@verizon.net.

"A fulfilled life is a life lived without any regrets."
**–Anonymous**

# Mark Wilson

Mark will receive his Bachelor of Arts degree in June of 2008 with a major in English and minor in secondary ed.

After graduating, he plans to become a high school English teacher and pursue his Master's degree in graduate school.

At SJC, Mark was a member of the English Club and the SJC Jazz Ensemble. He was also the sports editor of *The Spirit* as well as a columnist; he was also a contributor to *Calliope: A Journal of the Literary Arts.*

His academic excellence has been acknowledged through his selection for the Dean's List.

His chief hobby is sports officiating.

Mark would like to thank his mother, father, James, grandmother, Amanda Young, Patrick Mahon, John Castaldo, Professor Louise Rose, S. John Raymond, Dr. Anne Mulligan and S. Margaret Buckley for being such inspirations to him in his college carer.

His friends may contact him at StoneCutter589@aol.com.

"To Mark: May every day be as bright and full of love as my love for you."
**–Grandpa, November, 1989**

# Nicole Wright

Nicole will receive her Bachelor of Arts degree in June of 2008 with a major in Psychology.

After her graduation, she plans on attending graduate school to earn her Master's degree and Ph.D. in Clinical Psychology.

At SJC, she was a member of the Psychology Club, Child Study Club and the Honors Program. She co-developed, organized and co-hosted a Thanksgiving dinner for the less fortunate in November of 2006.

For her academic excellence, she was named to the Dean's List for all four years at SJC. She was also elected to Sigma Iota Chi Honor Socity, Delta Epsilon Sigma National Honor Society, and Psi Chi National Psychology Honor Society. She also holds the SJC Presidential Scholarship.

Nicole would like to thank her mother, father, nonna and nonno for supporting her and believing in her. She would also like to thank Dr. Sherlip for everything she has done for her during the past four years.

"No one can make you feel inferior without your consent."
**--Eleanor Roosevelt**

# Amanda Young

Amanda is a Child Study major who will receive her Bachelor of Arts degree in June of 2008. She also has a concentration in English.

After graduating, she plans on becoming an elementary school teacher while entering graduate school to pursue her Master's degree in Literacy.

At SJC, Amanda was a member of the Child Study Club, Campus Ministry and Outreach Club, Student Ambassadors Club and the English Club. She was also a Peer Tutor.

For academic excellence, Amanda was elected to Sigma Iota Chi Honor Society, selected for the Dean's List, and was a member of the Honors Program.

Her hobbies include boat-related activities and water sports.

She would like to thank her mother, father, Mark Wilson, Jessica Cuccia, Patrick Mahon, Andrea Rosado, S. Mary Sivillo, S. Rosemary Lesser, Dr. Karen Russo, Mr. E. Grant, Mr. M. Latimer and 'the Little Kids.'

After graduation, her friends may keep in touch with her at aybc625@aim.com.

"I think we've all arrived at a very special place. Spiritually, ecumenically, gramatically."
**--Captain Jack Sparrow, *Pirates of the Caribbean: Curse of the Black Pearl***

# Qian Zhang

Qian will receive her Bachelor of Science degree with a major in Accounting in June of 2008.

After graduating, she plans on joining a CPA firm and going to graduate school for Taxation. Eventually, she would like to receive her CPA certificate.

At St. Joseph's, Qian was the Senior Section Editor of *Footprints 2008,* the treasurer of Globe Spotters, the treasurer of the Asian Awareness Club, and a member of the Business Club.

For academic excellence, she was elected to Sigma Iota Chi Honor Society, Phi Theta Kappa National Honor Society, the Dean's List and the National Dean's List. She also received an academic and Leadership Award.

Her interests include cooking, reading, swimming and watching NFL football games.

She would like to thank her parents, her husband Xiao, and all her professors and friends at SJC who helped her fulfill her goals.

Friends may keep in touch with her at Erica_Zhang@hotmail.com.

"It is great to be great, but it is greater to be human."
**--Will Rogers**

# Minting Vicky Zhou

Min will receive her Bachelor of Science degree in Accounting with a minor in Mathematics in June of 2008.

She plans on attending the Baruch Zicklin Graduate Business School after graduating and plans on being an accountant.

At St. Joseph's, Min was a member of the Business/Accounting Club and the Asian Awareness Club.

For her academic excellence, she was elected to Sigma Iota Chi Honor Society and selected for the Dean's List. She is also the holder of an Academic Achievement Scholarship.

Her interests include online shopping and traveling.

She would like to thank her entire family for their constant support, love and guidance during her college years.

Friends may keep in contact with her at MINTINGxVICKY@yahoo.com.

"You may be disappointed if you fail, but you are doomed if you don't try."
**--Beverly Sills**

# Thea DePaola

Thea will graduate in June of 2008 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Business and a minor in Economics.

Following graduation, she plans on attending graduate school to obtain her Master's degree in Business Administration. Eventually, she hopes to publish a book.

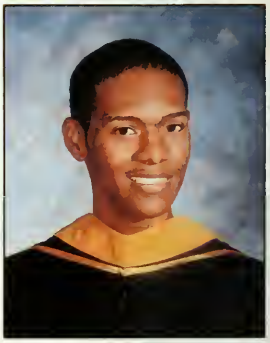
At SJC, Thea was the president of the Business and accounting club for her entire college career, a testimony to her leadership ability and the confidence that the membership of the club held in her.

Her outside interests include cooking, writing, traveling, photography, reading and spending quality time with friends and family.

Thea would like to extend thanks to all her family and friends who stood by her throughout her college years. She could not have achieved what she has without their help.

"Be all that you can be...every minute of every day"
**–My Dad (Peter F. DePaola)**

# Brandon Haynes



Brandon will graduate in June of 2008, having earned a Bachelor's degree in Business Administration.

Following graduation, he plans on entering a career in the business world where he hopes and expects to find great success.

At St. Joseph's College, Brandon was a member of CSA, Beta Psi Alpha fraternity and the Fashion Club.

His hobbies include music, comics and movies.

Brandon would like to thank his family, his friends and Marsha for their support, inspiration and help during his college career.

"Live life to the fullest–one life to live."
**–Brandon Haynes**

# Mike Barthelemy

Mike is a Chemistry major who will receive his Bachelor of Science degree with a minor in Business in June of 2008.

After graduation, he plans on continuing his studies in graduate school as he earns his Master's degree.

At SJC, Michael was the SGA vice-president, the Junior Class Representative, the Sophomore Class Representative, and one of the founders of Beta Psi Alpha fraternity. He also served as president of Beta Psi Alpha. He was also a member of CSA, the Dress for Success Club and the Science Club. He also helped coordinate the SJC Athletic Staff.

His hobbies include playing basketball and football and he has been growing a passion for cooking. He also works under the nom de music DJ Royal, and has DJed a number of events at St. Joseph's.

Mike would especially like to thank his loving mother, father, and sister Beatrice for giving him the strength and courage to excel. He also would like to thank his friends Schaeffer, Eurydice and Cassandra, whom he has become so close with in his four years of college.

"Success is to be measured not so much by the position that one has reached in life as by the obstacles which he has overcome."
**–Booker T. Washington**

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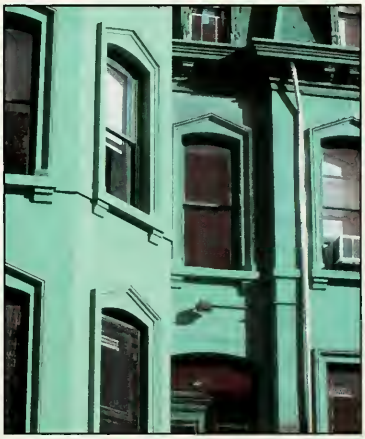


# Professional and Graduate

For students in the Professional and Graduate school of St. Joseph's College, night time was the right time. The student body, comprised mostly of adults who work full time jobs during the day in fields such as nursing, business and computers, have returned to school to earn either a Bachelor's degree, or advance their knowledge with a Master's degree. The new and expanded degree programs offered in P & G is a testimony to the popularity of St. Joseph's College, particularly with the more seasoned student looking to advance in his or her field. P & G students have at their disposal all the facilities of the college and though many students attend classes only on weekends, they still find the time to experience college life as only St. Joseph's can offer it.

Time to call home in between classes for P & G Students

Rain moved the BBQ indoors, but didn't dampen the spirits

# Student Advisory Council

Don't think for a moment that just because they come to school in the evening that P & G students are not interested in what goes on at St. Joseph's College.

The Student Advisory Council is ample proof to the contrary. P & G students want to be involved in the decision-making process that affects their education.

Dr. Thomas Travis, Vice-president for Planning and Dean of the Professional and Graduate School, is the chair at Student Advisory Council meetings. The rest of the group if comprised of faculty members, administrators and students who have all volunteered their time to discuss issues of import to P & G students.

Topics of discussion might include offering opinions on new courses of study on the Master's level, quality of life for the evening student and even the college's code of conduct. The agenda varies from meeting to meeting and students are encouraged to discuss openly ways in which they think their educational experience at St. Joseph's College can be improved.

Even amidst the rarified atmosphere of vice-presidents and deans, students freely offer their suggestions in a candid and forth-right manner, demonstrating that their views are as important as those of the day students in the Arts and Sciences division of the college. Night students? Yes--but never left in the dark.

Dana Stevens, a senior in Health Administration, brings the student point-of-view to Advisory Council meetings (photo above left).

Administrators Angela Diaz, Yvette Bailey-Bristo, Robert Napolitano, Keith Outlaw and Eileen Mullen discuss new graduate programs (above).

The video conference room in St. Angela Hall makes a convenient and comfortable venue for meetings of the many members of the Student Advisory Council (photo left).

College Registrar, Robert Pergolis, discusses ways in which the operations of his office have been streamlined by combining the P & G Registrar with that of Arts and Sciences (photo below).

Dr Thomas Travis, Vice-president for Planning and Dean of PGS, presides over the Student Advisory Council meetings. Linda F. Fonte, the Associate Dean and Associate Director of Graduate Management Studies, serves as recorder and is instrumental in organizing the meetings (photo below left).

Many P & G students are either already in the business world or want to enter it following college. Rupert Campbell, Assistant Professor of Business, is their voice on the Student Advisory Council (photo left).

# Delta Gamma Sigma

## Only Two P & G Students Make the Cut

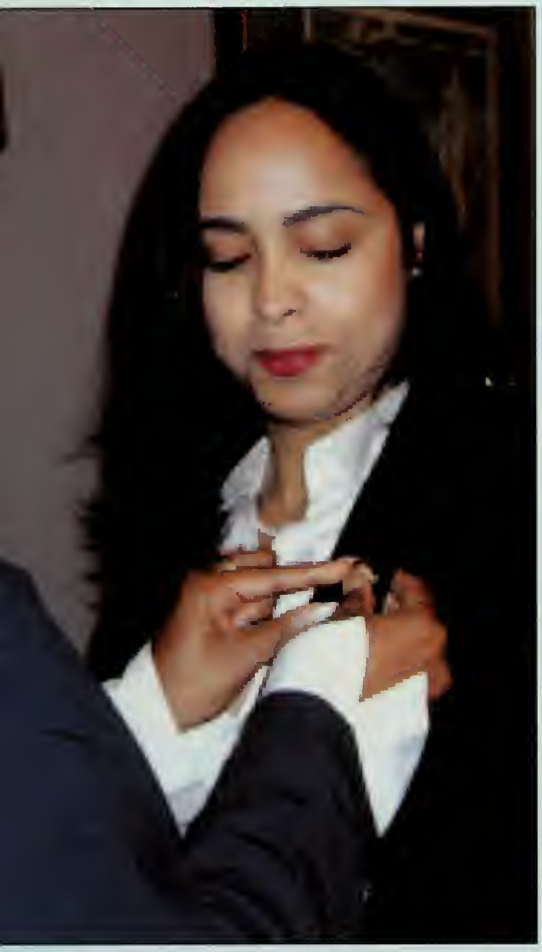
Just how difficult is it to be admitted into Delta Gamma Sigma, the honor society of the Professional and Graduate School of St. Joseph's College?

All indications point to it being *very* hard indeed, and the chief indicator is that only two students were deemed qualified to achieve membership into the honor society: Helen Rodriguez and Beverly Worrell-Gilkes.

First, the academic requirements are demanding. A student must have maintained a 3.85 cumulative index over at least 30 credits. In addition, a student must have performed significant and sustained service to the college or the community--not an easy task for students who are mostly full-time workers and full-time parents. The importance of such service was emphasized by Preceptor Crystal Harris, who in her address offered reflections upon the importance of community service. The setting for the November 30, 2007 induction ceremony was the Parlor in Burns Hall, where dinner was also served to the honorees and their guests. Each inductee was permitted to have as many guests as they wanted to witness their receiving the honor of membership into a very exclusive organization.

College president, S. Elizabeth Hill, speaks at the induction ceremony and congratulates the new members of Delta Gamma Sigma upon their achievements (photo near right)

Beverly Worrell-Gilkes is all smiles as she receives her pin as a new member of Delta Gamma Sigma (photo middle right).



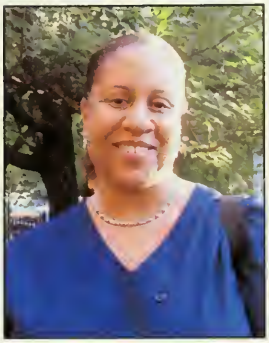
New inductee Helen Rodriguez proudly receives her pin representative of membership in Delta Gamma Sigma (photo above).

Associate Dean of the Professional and Graduate School Linda Fonte presents the certificate of membership in Delta Gamma Sigma to Beverly Worrell-Gilkes (photo above).

The new inductees of Delta Gamma Sigma accept the accolades of staff members, family members and friends following the formal ceremony (photo above).

Associate Dean of the Professional and Graduate School, Linda Fonte, emceed the induction and in her remarks, gave a brief history of the honor society. She also introduced the keynote speaker (photo above).

Night school is more structured and geared to my hectic work schedule, which is for the most part, unpredictable. And, there are less distractions at night.
**–Rachel Denis**



I like night school because it lets me complete my courses without having to miss a day of work. My classmates are in my age group which is good.
**–Natale Bryant**

Attending school at night lets me pursue my career during the day and still achieve my educational goals. Most students have already begun their jobs.
**–Suzette Ryan**

Night school is much more relaxing than day school. After a long day at work, it feels great to just come and be away from the bustle of the day.
**–Angel Mendez**

# The Night Breed--A Different Kind of Student

# Vox Populi

They are, and then again they aren't. Just like day students in Arts and Sciences, that is.

In some ways, the predominantly adult population of the Professional and Graduate division is very similar to their youthful counterparts: they come to St. Joe's with goals, aspirations, and a very strong work and study ethic that keeps them moving ever forward towards their degrees.

But in other ways, the typical P & G student is quite different from the day population of SJC. They are the 'Night Breed,' the students, most of whom have come here after a full day of work.

They do the seemingly impossible by juggling full time employment with being a full time student--and in many cases, a full time parent. In the modern world of undergraduate and graduate studies, just one of those would be formidable--but to manage all three! Now there's an achievement.

Though they have a selection of extracurricular activities during the year, they tend not to be as involved with campus happenings as the Arts & Sciences students. They know they are here to advance in their professional lives and with all that is on their plate, their is little time for clubs, teams and other activities.

This year's Vox Populi survey attempts to learn what P & G students think about learning at night. *Footprints 2008* wanted to find out some opinions about the differences between themselves and the young students of A & S. Those differences are expressed here in Vox Populi.

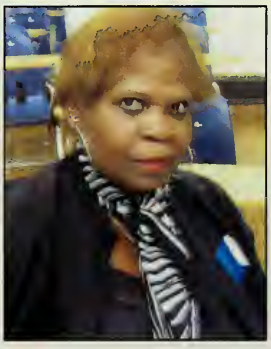
Like their day student counterparts, P & G students also make friends, take dinner together and relax (photo below).

Typically, P & G students make strong bonds with their professors, who are always glad to share time to advise them (photo bottom).

# "How is it different being a night or weekend student at St. Joseph's College?"

I love coming to night classes here! It's very convenient and I don't have to struggle with the stress of parking.
**–Maria Clarissa Inguillo**

I enjoy the mature and professional atmosphere that you find in night school. I also get to work during the day.
**–Tracy Bennett, R.N.**



I find that coming to St. Joe's at night is a very enlightening experience that exposes me to new ideas and people.
**–Gloria Baker**

Actually, I enjoy the night programs due to the flexibility of the curricula. I also like being surrounded by adults.
**–Cheryl Henry**

# Parang to the People!

## *Los Tocadores Parang Group Entertain for PGS*

In Trinidad, Parang refers to a particular type of folk music of Spanish American origins.

Let it not be said that PGS students are neglected when it comes to student activities!

As proof, witness what took place in the cafeteria of McEntegart Hall on Saturday, November 10th from 11 AM to 1 PM. At that time, weekend students were treated to a performance by *Los Tocadores Parang Group*, professional entertainers who specialize in Parang--the music which characterizes the Christmas season in Trinidad and Tobago.

The word parang comes from the Spanish word *parranda*, which means "to party" or "to spree," and that's what it felt like for several hours--an authentic Caribbean festival.

The roots of the music can be traced to Venezuela, so there is also a Hispanic flavoring to its sound, but over time, it has developed its own unique Trinidadian flavor, absorbing Colombian and even Cuban music into its sphere.

According to Beverly Balbirsingh-Nunez, Assistant Director of Academic Advisement, over 300 students attended the event, which was held during lunch hour when most of the Saturday students were free.

"We provided a variety of buffet-style foods for the students at a cost of only $5.00 a plate," said Ms. Balbirsingh-Nunez. "It was quite a successful event," she added.

The brightly colored dresses reflected the upbeat and festive nature of Parang music, which held the rapt attention of PGS students throughout the concert (photo right).

A major feature of Parang is in the use of percussion instruments such as the timbales, which show the Cuban influences upon the music (photo left).

With both electric and acoustic guitars, drums and bass, Parang players can offer styles of music from many Hispanic countries (photo left).

Pulsating rhythms, multi-lingual lyrics, and a large measure of Caribbean Christmas music kept toes tapping and fingers snapping to *Los Tocadores Parang Group* (photo left).

# Where to PGS?

## Dean Travis Talks About What the Future Holds

The editors of *Footprints 2008* were fortunate enough to sit down with Dr. Thomas Travis, Vice President for Planning and Dean of the Professional and Graduate School. Dr. Travis discussed numerous topics from the nature of the curriculum to the type of instructors students encounter in PGS. Here's what the dean had to say:

*Footprints 2008:* Have there been changes in the student population of PGS? What is the nature of these changes?

Dean Travis: We always served a non-traditional population--always students who didn't complete a B.A. Now we find more students who have earned an Associate's Degree or who have some community college. We have always had a diverse population, but now we get more immigrants and central Europeans enrolling. This too, ties in with the notion of non-traditional students. Many of our students have training from European schools and have come here looking for some kind of direction. It's a highly motivated student population of diverse cultures and personal lives.

*Footprints 2008:* In what direction is PGS moving?

Dean Travis: We are trying to add more undergraduate programs like accounting, criminal justice and marketing--programs that will meet the next need, in addition to nursing and administration.

*Footprints 2008:* What is the population size of PGS?

Dean Travis: There is a grand total of 1583 students, both graduate and undergraduate, divided between the Brooklyn and the Patchogue campuses.

*Footprints 2008:* Is the faculty full-time or adjunct?

Dr. Travis: PGS utilizes mostly adjunct instructors because the emphasis is upon professionalism. We hire people that are in jobs that they can share their experiences with our students and serve as role models. They are a very loyal faculty--a very good group.

*Footprints 2008:* In the nursing program, do students get clinical experience and/or internships in hospitals?

Dr. Travis: People who come to PGS already have certification in nursing. They have their R.N. licenses and most have Associates Degrees in nursing. They already do have clinical experience; they have come to PGS to learn nursing at the next level.

*Footprints 2008:* What is the retention rate for PGS students?

Dr. Travis: For the year 2000, 67% of our students graduated; 7% are still enrolled in a program, for a total retention rate of nearly 74%.

*Footprints 2008:* In what way has combining the registrar and admissions of PGS with that of Arts and Sciences helped?

Dr. Travis: It has helped in the quality of the advertising and brochures that present our programs. We have a desire to obtain greater efficiency and the Datatel system, a conversion to a college software package, has helped us reach that goal.

*Footprints 2008:* Do you see benefits in combining

PGS's and Arts and Sciences' graduation?

Dr. Travis: I do. I was one on fhe supporters of that because I was from the Patchogue campus. I see different ages, races and degrees and it gives you a magnitude of organization, serving students in different ways. It has never been done on the Brooklyn campus before, but it has been at Patchogue for a long time. The fact that graduation will be at the Brooklyn Academy of Music reduces weather fears.

*Footrprints 2008:* What are the admissions requirements for PGS?

Dr. Travis: Applicants need a high school diploma or the equivalent, some form of secondary training or experience, and most students come to us with some professional experience.

*Footrpints 2008:* Do Arts and Sciences students participate in PGS programs?

Dr. Travis: We do have some cross-registration in accounting. Some PGS students take Arts and Sciences courses, but it is not as advanced as at Patchogue.

*Footprints 2008:* Are PGS students eligible for financial aid?

Dr. Travis: Yes. The usual federal and state programs and some scholarships are available, but not as many as for Arts and Sciences.

*Footprints 2008:* If you could change anything about PGS, what would that be?

Dr. Travis: I would like to initiate new programs with a large number of students in each one, but we need enough students to make more programs. I would also like a way to accerate new admits, and offer more choices in more courses at more convenient times.

*Footprints 2008:* What goes on in Lorenzo Hall, headquarters for PGS?

Dr. Travis: This is where faculty members have offices. It is also the central office for graduate students, administrative support for faculty and for scheduling and records.

*Footprints 2008:* What do you do and what does your job entail?

Dr. Travis: I have two jobs. As Vice President of Planning, I create the strategic plan for the next five years. I develop programs for the graduate area for PGS, the largest growth area in the school.

*Footprints 2008:* How long have you been at SJC?

Dr. Travis: I started in 1978 and am in my 30th year at SJC. I've spent my whole professional life here. It's been a fabulous place to work. I've been lucky to serve under two great presidents, supportive of me personally and the programs that I administer.

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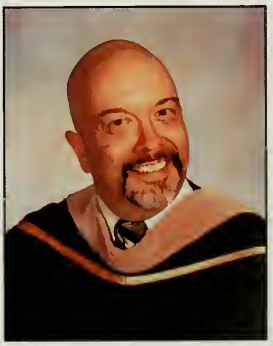

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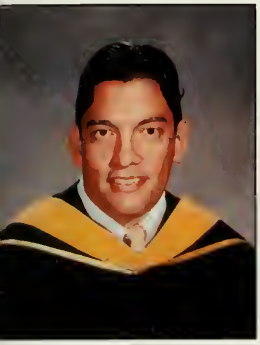

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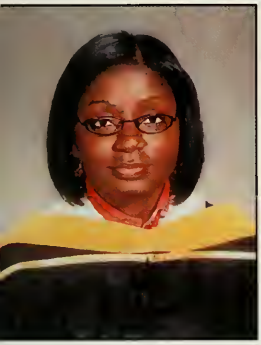

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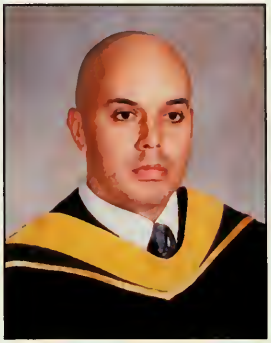

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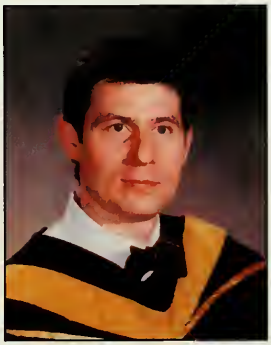

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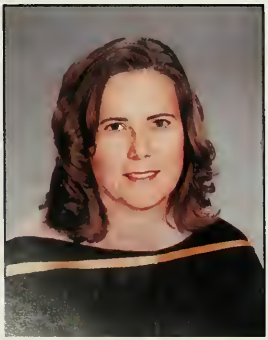

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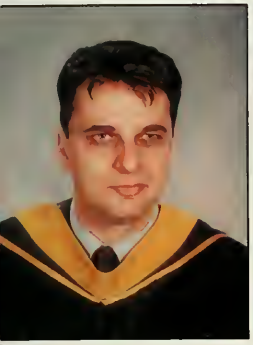

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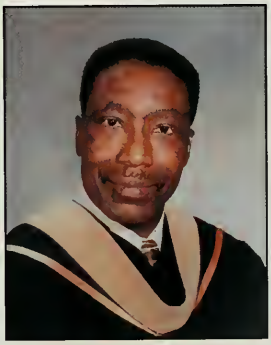

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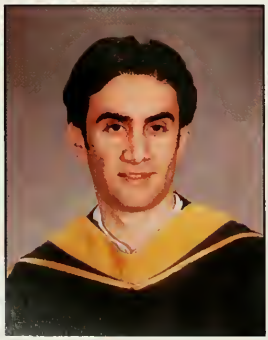

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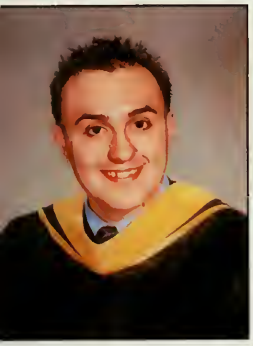

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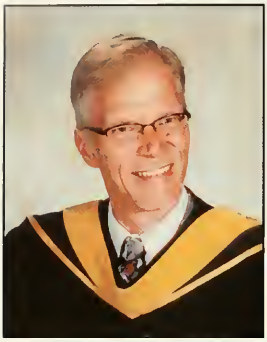

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Health Administration

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Nursing

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## Cynthia Townsend

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Nursing

## Ayeshea Travis

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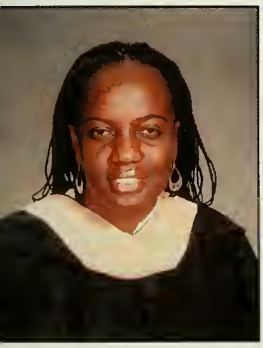

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Nursing

## Ann White

Executive Master of Business Administration

Master of Science

## Angella Williams

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## Myra Williams

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Community Health and Human Services

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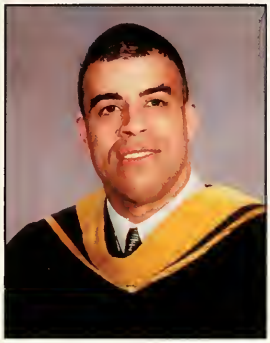
Nursing

## Peter Calderon



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Computer Information Systems

## Melicia Walker

Bachelor of Science

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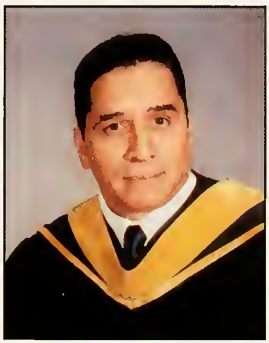
## Edwin Marcano



Bachelor of Science

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Lorenzo Hall is the administrative home of the Professional and Graduate School, but students utilize all the college's buildings and facilities for their classes both on weekends and during evenings.

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Moses Cruz
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Shannoya S. Fellows
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Stacey Leary
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Israel Maldonado
Peter James Manetta
Edwin Marcano
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Marie-Ange Diegue
Deborah Duggan
Patricia Hammond
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Valerie M. Henriquez
Taryn Lee Hunter
Marion C. Kelly
Jane Y. Mei
Cecily Amanda Moore
Sunta M. Morin
Megan A. Murray
Mary Nestor
Racheal Bosede Omole
Donald H. Patterson
Maria Carmela Pugliese
Marilyn Gale Rickman
Beverly E. Roper
Edgar Severe
Sonia Sweeney
Karen Winiarski
Yue Nong S. Zhou

### EXECUTIVE MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

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Grazyna Bedkowska
Thelma Calhoun
Gregory Cantave
Daisy Delgado-Rodriguez
Shanker Deonandan
Marie-Ange Diegue
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Sharon Itwaru
Lyrae Laing
Denise Marie Lewinger
Michelle Ann Lewis
Sophia Antonette Little
Ariel Luna
Jane Y. Mei
Sylwia Mejer
Maryann Monteserrato
Megan A. Murray
Germaine Cheryl Nelson
Mary Nestor
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Marjorie A. Daly-Walsh
Ann M. Forde
Alison Helwig
Celeste Hossain
Shauna A. Jarrett-Hamil
Irline Jerome
Marva Fay-marie Lawrence
Carol Ann Manns
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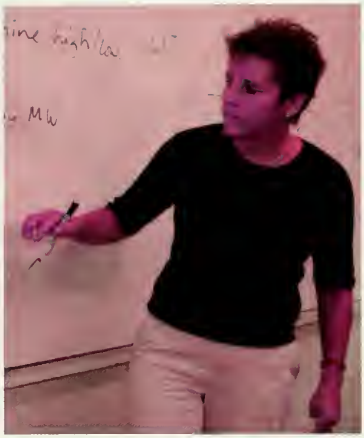
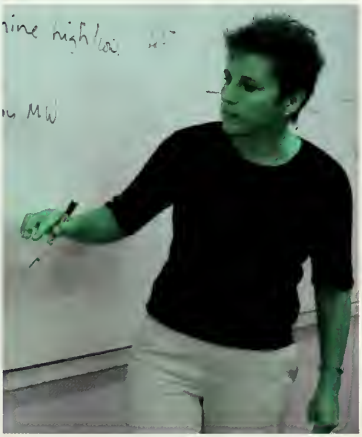
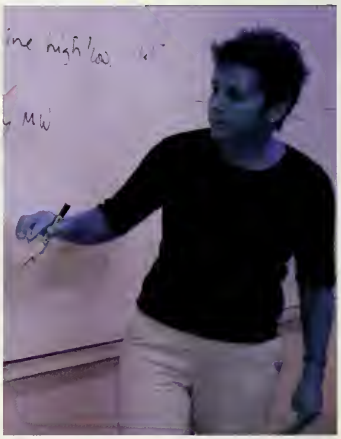
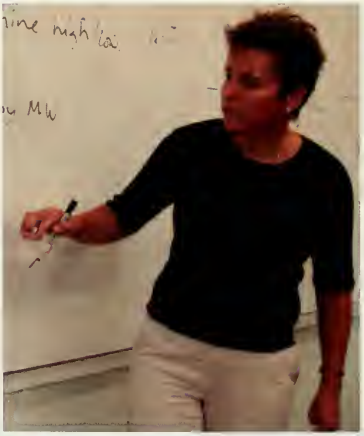


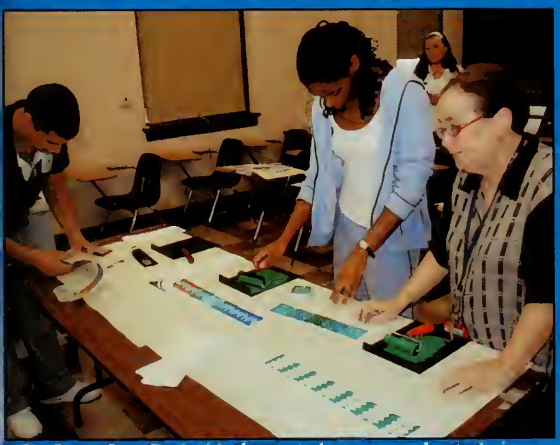




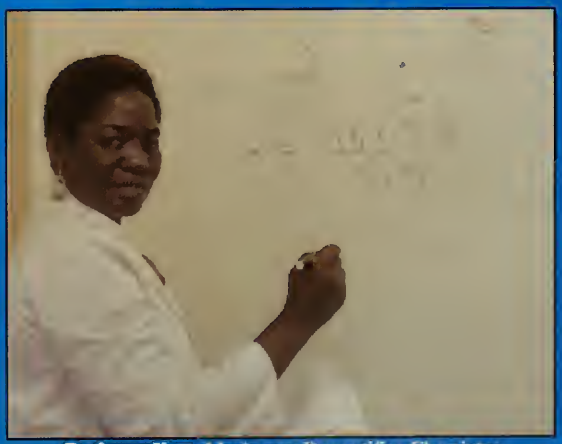


# Faculty

A great faculty has been a timeless tradition at St. Joseph's College. One of the great benefits of being a student here is that as a small school, it is possible to form strong bonds with your professors and instructors. Rarely was there a time when a teacher would not go out of his or her way to devote extra time to a student, whether it was to assist in some complex part of the subject matter, or just to offer advice on careers, graduate school--or life in general. Teachers became our friends, our counselors and mentors--guides we could look up to and strive to emulate in our own lives. Learned, scholarly, actively involved in all aspects of campus life, the faculty of SJC offered us so much more than their knowledge and their time; they offered us themselves.



Professor Jane Beckwith shows students a complex technique



Professor Kone Moriamou Dymystifies Chemistry

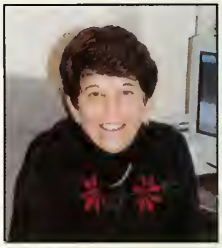
# President's Council

S. Elizabeth Hill, J.D.
President

S. Loretta McGrann, Ph.D.
Provost

Nancy Connors, M.S.
Vice President for
Institutional Advancement

S. Margaret Buckley, Ed.D.
Academic Dean,
School of Arts and Sciences



Theresa LaRocca Meyer, M.S.
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Vice President for Planning,
Dean of PGS

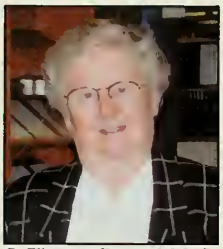
Joseph Spadero, M.S.
Chief Information Officer

Susan Hudec, Ph.D.
Dean of Students,
School of Arts and Sciences

Not Shown: John Roth, M.B.A., Chief Financial Officer
Doris Stratmann, Interim Academic Dean, School of Arts and Sciences

They say it's lonely at the top. If that is true, then S. Elizabeth Hill, President of SJC has lots of company in the members of the President's Council. An advisory panel to the president, the council is involved in virtually every aspect of planning for the college, including new programs, courses of study and changes to the physical campus itself. The President's Council members are the innovative force behind much of what is good and great at St. Joseph's College.

# Administration



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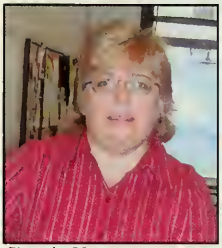

Sherrie VanArnam, B.A.
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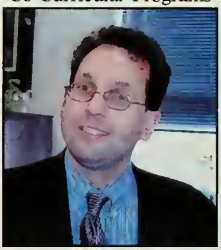

Robert Pergolis, M.A.
Registrar

The members of the Administration of St. Joseph's College are like cogs in a gear that keeps a great machine going day in and day out. All the details of planning activities, tutoring, operating a library system, handling alumni relations, assisting with financial aid and course planning--these and many other duties--are the daily purview of the SJC Administration.

# Faculty

Karen Auh, M.S.
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Preceptor
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Political Science

Jane E. Beckwith, M.F.A.
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Associate Chairperson, Art Dept.

Daniel Beni, M.P.A.
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Esther Berkowitz, Ph.D.
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Management Studies

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Thomas Webb
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Director of Student Publications
Assistant Professor of English

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Preceptor in
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Campus Minister and Lecturer
in Speech Communication

Walter Sanchez
Head Coach
Tennis

Michael Schober
Head Coach
Women's Basketball

Edward Grant, M.S.
Professor of
Mathematics

# OFFICE OF THE REGISTRAR

Over the years, the Registrar's Office has kept thousands of records of SJC students including transcripts, diplomas and registration forms, in addition to making sure that every student--especially seniors--is given credit for every single class that they have taken in college. Now with A & S combined with PGS, the paperwork burden has grown even more formidable.

L. Barna, Robert Pergolis, Registrar, B. Kuller, C. Vidal, J. Frost-Johnsen, M. Francis, R. Mejic, A. Medrano, A. Mace, S. Narine.

# P. AND G. DEAN'S OFFICE

The Professional and Graduate School at SJC is growing, and that means more students, more scheduling, more counseling and more individual cases and problems to deal with.

Bottom Row: S. Carole Lessard, Thomas Travis, Dean and VP, L. Fonte, E. Mullen. Middle Row: K. Pane, Dmitri Kupis, K. Williams. Third Row: R. Campbell, B. Nunez, S. Jame. Top Row: M. Jubert, J. Keenan, E. N. Foxx. Not shown: A. Diaz, K. Miller, S. Davis-Lewis, L. Pete, E. Valentine, S. Chu, C. Best, B. Sands, T. Kim, M. Fletcher, M. Jennings.

# ARTS AND SCIENCES DEAN'S OFFICE

The Office of the Academic Dean for Arts and Sciences is the domain of S. Margaret Buckley and her staff. Here is where class schedules for each semester are generated, new academic programs are created and Tutoring and the Academic Center are administered, to name but a few of the responsibilities that are handled here.

S. Margaret Buckley, Academic Dean, M. Velasquez, J. Latham, E. Riegelhaupt (seated).

# LIBRARY SERVICES

Ever-growing, ever-changing with the times, the libraries of St. Joseph's College are technological marvels where the accessing of information moves at the speed of state-of-the-art computers. Managing all that information and assisting students in their searches for research materials is the task of the college's librarians, each one an expert in the field of Library Science.

Sitting: I. Creighton, S. Joan Hroncih, S. Catherine Cunningham. Standing: W. Meng, J. Handy, L. Torres, D. Dorosh.

# DILLON CHILD STUDY CENTER

As a school whose roots lie in the training of teachers, students at SJC need a place to observe and learn the tools of their chosen profession. The Dillon Child Study Center, a pre-school that services neighborhood children, is their on-site learning laboratory.

C. Marriello, L. Murkin, Dr. Susan Straut-Collard, Director, K. GOldsmith, E. Figueroa, E. Dessereau, S. Waverly, M. Pollidore, K. Gerdts, D. Gonsalves, E. O'Donnell, C. McPherson, L. van Slyck, S. Patrick Dittmer, S. Rahman, N. Diaz, A. Spooner, V. Contreras. Not pictured: K. Zavalis, M. Donovan.

# ADMISSIONS AND ENROLLMENT MANAGEMENT

Attracting the finest students to St. Joseph's College, recruiting them, and admitting them is a year-long process that demands maximum effort from everyone associated with Admissions and Enrollment Management. Because of the efforts of Vice President Theresa LaRocca Meyer and her staff, incoming classes have grown in size while coming equipped with even more academic skills.

Front Row: E. Thorne, B. Minardi, G. Varone, O. Miles, G. Goldman. Back Row: W. Vallor, K. Outlaw, T. Woodfield, J. Farraj, G. Solorzno, T. LaRocca Meyer, VP, M. Blackwood, G, Yang, N. Saete. M. Learmond.

# INSTITUTIONAL ADVANCEMENT

Why do so many people know about St. Joseph's College? In part, thanks goes to the Office of Institutional Advancement which publicizes the college and its activities in the media, runs the Office of Alumni Relations, which keeps close ties to our graduates, and sees to it that the reputation of the college is known far and wide.

Back Row: M. Banach, M. Overton, N. Connors, C. Scott, K. Tuthill, S. Ganley. Front Row: M. Burke Chiara, S. Saines, R. Lewinger, L. Trinidad, J. Lucero, C. Kehoe.

# OFFICE OF FINANCIAL AID

College costs have exploded across the country. Tuition, board, books--even transportation costs have made attending many colleges prohibitive for too many students. At SJC, the Office of Financial Aid puts together the financial aid packages which assist students with the many expenses they will encounter. The dedicated staff does its best to make sure that accepted student who wants to attend SJC has the funds to do so.

Front Row: C. Sullivan, S. Christian, E. Dorso. Back Row: J. Pecikonis, V. Barrios, L. Pasquale.

# INSTITUTIONAL TECHNOLOGY

Computerization, automation, digitilization, communication. Those are the becoming key words on the SJC campus, and the job of installing new technology, maintaining it, and servicing it is the daily dask of the staff of Institutional Technology. One can only wonder what advances the future will bring, but of a certainty, the IT department at SJC will be ready for them.

Front Row: L. Abear, E. Lada, Y. Soto. Back Row: A. Gerstmayr, R. Barramede, J. Spadero, K. Hutchinson. Not shown: Y. Findlayter.

# A time for farewells...

It's just about time for us to wrap things up and bring *Footprints 2008* to a conclusion. We chose as our theme, "Wasn't that a Time!" because we felt it gave us a chance to present glimpses into what should have been the best time of our lives--our college years.

We endeavored to take you from the first day of our arrival on campus to the last day when we received our diplomas, making all the stops in between that so marked our days at St. Joseph's College and made them memorable. Who can deny that it has been a long and arduous journey? But who would question the validity of all that hard work?

Our tickets have been punched; we leave with diplomas as our passports to the future. What we have been given in the course of our time here is beyond our ability to measure. It is more than course hours and study hours and credits. It is a blueprint for a way to live our lives: with diligence, commitment, a love of learning and a dedication to ideals of achievement through hard work. We keep in mind the maxim, *per aspira ad astra*--to the stars through hard work, and we know it applies to us.

Years from now, when we encounter friends and classmates that were such integral parts of our life, we will be able to look at them, laugh, and with great fondness that only memories can rekindle, say with pride, "Wasn't that a time!"

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# Supporters

What does it take to make a yearbook happen? Besides the obvious answers: a lot of time and a lot of young people devoting that time to it, there is yet another answer. The many supporters who assist us meet the ever-enlarging financial burden of publishing a yearbook are as indispensable to *Footprints 2008* as the editorial staff. The businesses in the area who have helped us by taking ads are long-time friends of St. Joseph's College and their contributions have long been valued. The many parents and friends who have purchased congratulatory ads for our graduates are the financial backbone of the book. Through their collective efforts, it is our hope that we have been able to make *Footprints 2008* a fitting chronicle of their sons' and daughters' undergraduate years. We thank you all!

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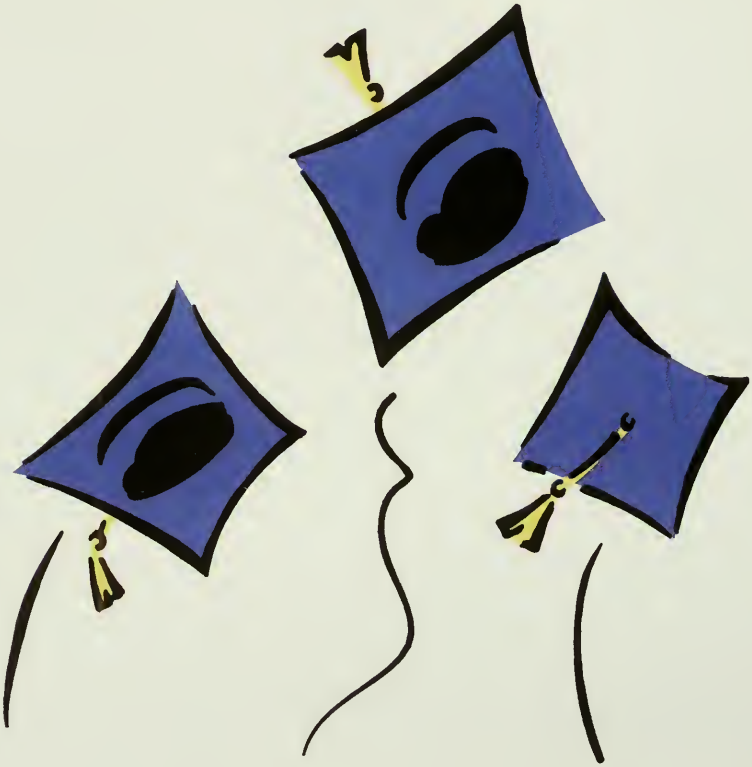

**Best Wishes to the Graduates**
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**From the Admissions Office at St. Joseph's College**

# Through The Years...

# You've Never Let Us Down.

We are all very proud of you Christina, and all that you have accopmlished.

*Love Always,*

*Mom, Jimmy, Ma, Jillian and Puffy* 🐾

# Nicole K. Olsen-Nieves

Nicole will graduate in June with a Bachelor of Science degree with a major in Speech and minors in Secondary Education in Chemistry and Psychology.

She has been very active on the SJC campus as the co-coordinator of the Historical Society and as a member of the Science Club and the Speech Club. The holder of a Presidential Scholarship, Nicole has been a member of the Dean's List and is a member of Sigma Iota Chi Honor Society.

Upon graduation, she plans to teach chemmistry and attend graduate school for Speech Pathology.

She enjoys spending time with friends and her family, especially her angel, Karissa.

Nicole would like to thank her mother and father for their unwavering support in all the decisions and goals she has made and set. She further thanks them for the extra push and the encouragement that she needed to keep her focused. She also thanks her sister for everything, for being her best friend no matter what. She knows that no words could ever express the thanks she owes to her mother, father and Christle for being such active parts of her life.

"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and...give you hope and a future."
Jeremiah 29:11

Dearest Nicole:

Congratulations! You have done an awesome job. In between juggling your classes of chemistry, speech and education, raising Karissa, having your husband serve in Iraq twice in the past four years, what you have accomplished is amazing.

We are so proud of your successes and accomplishments! Through all your hard work and dedication to school and love for your family, you have shown us that anything is possible when you put God first in your life.

You are truly a special person. Your goodness, generosity and caring ways are who you are. Never change!

May God bless your life with love, happiness and health.

Love,
Mom, Dad and Christle

We would like to congratulate our proud mother and grandmother on successfully obtaining her Bachelor of Science degree in Health Administration at St. Joseph's College and would like to wish her continued success in her pursuit towards obtaining an MBA degree in the future.

Love,
Marcelle, Denise and Ethan
Her Proud Children

# Congratulations to our Thea Francesca...

# We love you...

*Give me a lever long enough, a place to stand,*
*and I shall...Move The World*
*-Archimedes*

*My Sweet Francesca...I love you so...*

Dearest Thea Francesca ,
We watched you grow from a beautiful baby
to a vivacious, caring young lady. You have
been the president of the business club for 4 years
and made it a success. You have a naturel flare for
cooking that not many people have. You are the kind
of supportive friend that makes you so special to everyone
around you. We will always be here for you. May God
always bless you and always know that Daddy is watching over
you. We are one special family because of you, dear Cesca.
With all our love, Mommy and Daddy.

Hey Thea,
Congratulations on your completion of college.
It's hard to believe that you are at this stage in life.
I still refer to yourself and Bootz as "the kids" when
I speak to Eva about you guys. You have grown up
to be the adult Mom and Dad brought you up to be.
Dad would be so proud of you if he knew how you
hold yourself together after this year and a half. Being
able to graduate college, hold a job, and help keep the
house together is not an easy task; however, you were
able to do that. I am so proud of you and I know you will
be successful in whatever you choose to do in life.
I love you.
- Pete

My Dearest Thea,
You did it and I'm so very proud of you.
You've graduated college and the world is now yours.
You were meant to do great things Thea...
There is a strength inside you that is unstoppable.
You have inspired me to do things I never thought I could.
I can't tell you enough how very much I love you, how
very proud I am to be your sister, to be your friend.
I have watched you grow from a little girl to a smart,
beautiful, extremely driven young woman.
Don't ever lose that drive, ALWAYS reach for the
unreachable, and don't ever let anything stand in your way.
You were meant to do great things Thea...and you will.
You will succeed in everything that you do, you always have.
I will always be here for you no matter what.
I love you more than words could ever say...
Love Your Big Sister,
Eva

Dear Thea Francesca,
Congratulations on your very successful college
career. I know the future has so much to offer to
a beautiful, intelligent, hard working woman as
yourself. I will always be by your side, and be
there for you through the ups and the downs.
I love you and I'm so proud of you and all
your accomplishments.
Love,
James

Dearest Thea,
I truly can't believe this day has come where you're graduating college..
For Real... I knew it would come, but it's very surreal
to me how much we have grown..together...
I am So proud of you Thea and I look up to you in so many ways that
it is unreal. Your going to enter the real world after college and experience
it all before me as you have done for all of our past schools together.
You prepare me in so many ways and I could never express how
grateful I am to have You. The girl I've known my Entire life and
have spent my entire life of living growing up with..
My sister, My Best Friend. I will be here for you infinitely.
"We're in this together"
Till' Death Do Us Part.
I Love You..
juliette

Dear Thea,
Congratulations... this is a huge achievement in your life and you should be very proud.
It seems like only yesterday I was helping you with your accounting homework and speaking
in front of your class. But the time has truly passed, you're graduating and are entering the
real world! Enjoy and cherish this time of your life, but at the same time prepare yourself for
the next series of challenges life is going to bring you. Meet them head on and know that you
can do anything that you set your mind to. I am honored to be a part of your family and a part
of your life- and I look forward to watching you succeed in the years to come.
Love,
Anthony

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# Congratulations Nicole!

Dear Nicole-Ann,

Always reaching for the highest star,
You have excelled and traveled so far.

You worked hard, and did quite well;
Now the story of success is yours to tell.

When you are in the classroom it's plain to see;
What a wonderful teacher you're sure to be!

May you find happiness in all that you do;
Know that we love you through and through.

Congratulations and Good Luck!

All our love,
Mom, Dad,
Dennis, Tyler, & Dylan

CONGRATULATIONS
AMANDA
ON YOUR GRADUATION
WE ALWAYS KNEW YOU
YOU COULD DO IT!
GOOD LUCK
LOVE MOM & DAD

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**Congratulations!**
**Francisco R. "Frankie" Rangel**
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We have always been very proud of all your achievements and accomplishments throughout your growing up. With your hard work, good heart and dedication, you have gotten this far and will go even farther. You will always have our love and support and we are confident that you will succeed. Thank you for being an excellent student and son.

Your Parents,
Daisy and Francisco Rangel

# Melissa Palermo

Dearest Missy:
Where did the last four years go? You made it look so easy. Once again, you have made your mother and I proud of you beyond all measure. Best wishes and good luck as a teacher. We know you will make a difference in the lives of your students.
Love Always,
Mom and Dad

Dear Missy:
We cannot really put into words how so extremely proud we are of all your accomplishments. When you were younger, you used to drive me crazy, but now you are one of the most special people in my life. I love you very much. Congratulations on your graduation. We wish you the best of luck forever.
Love Always,
Your Sister Janet and Joe

Dear Missy:
It's been an amazing experience to watch you grow into the woman you have become. You deserve the very best and should settle for nothing less. We love you very much.
Love Always,
Your Brother Matthew and Liz

Dear Auntie Missy:
You are one of the greatest aunts who is always ready to play or help us with anything. We love you very much. Congratulations Dide. You did it!
Love You Always,
Anthony, Jenna, Ryan and Jack

Dear Missy:
Congratulations! You're finally done! I love you!
Love Always,
Vinny

# THE OFFICE OF CO-CURRICULAR PROGRAMS CONGRATULATES ALL MEMBERS OF THE CLASS OF 2008 AND RECOGNIZES THE FOLLOWING STUDENTS FOR OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTIONS TO STUDENT LIFE:

**Adam Mace** - SGA President '07-'08, C.A.B. Program Director '06-'07, C.A.B. Events Coordinator '05-'06, Freshman Class Rep '04-'05, President of Chapel Players, Co-Editor of "The Spirit;" **Mike Barthelemy** – SGA Vice President '07-'08, Junior Class Rep '06-'07, Sophomore Class Rep '05-'06, President and Founder of Beta Psi Alpha Fraternity; **Andrea Rosado** – SGA Secretary '06-'08, Senior Class Rep '07-'08, President of Choral Society; **Schaeffer Charles** – SGA Parliamentarian '07-'08, SGA Vice President '06-'07, Sophomore Class Rep '05-'06, President and Founder of Students Joined Through Christ; **Christina Ament** – Senior Class Rep '07-'08, Editor of "The Spirit;" **Cassandra Seide** – Senior Class Rep '07-'08, President of Psychology Club, Co-President of Fashion Club; **Victoria Sorrisio** – C.A.B. Special Programs Coordinator '06-'07; **Mike Multari** – Freshman Class Rep '04-'05, Co-Founder of Jazz Ensemble; **Cindy Mei** – President of Asian Awareness Club; **Thea DePaola** – President of Business Club; **Christopher Cosme** – President of Hispanic Awareness Club; **John Castaldo** – President and Co-Founder of Jazz Ensemble, President of Historical Society; **Ida-Stiliana Gjinal** – President of Philosophy Club, President of Psychology Club; **Nicole Penaranda** – Co-President of Speech & Language Club, Co-President of Beta Upsilon Delta Sorority; **Allyson Putre** – Co-President of Speech & Language Club, Co-President of Beta Upsilon Delta Sorority; **Liz Afre** – Co-President of Student Ambassadors; **Yolanda McDonald** – President of Campus Ministry & Outreach Club; **Jessica Cuccia** – President of Child Study Club; **Helen Figueroa** – President of Hispanic Awareness Club; **Nicole Larkin** – President of LGBQ & Friends; **Francisco Rangel** – President of Philosophy Club

# Ida-Stiliani Gjinali

Born March 12, 1986, Stella will graduate in June of 2008, earning her Bachelor of Arts degree with a double major in Psychology and Speech.

As an undergraduate, she was very involved in activities at SJC, serving as the president of the Psychology Club and president of the Philosophy Club. She was also a member of the Speech Club.

Stella has received Leadership Awards for her role as president of both of those campus organizations.

Following her graduation, she would like to attend graduate school to begin working on a Master's Degree in Mental Health Counseling and a Master's degree in Speech and Language Pathology.

Amongst her many talents, Stella is multilingual and fluent in spoken and written Greek and Albanian. Her other interests include writing, designing clothes, sports, and spending time with her family.

She would like to thank her parents for the support and love that they have always given her.

Friends may keep in contact with her at sgjinali@verizon.net.

> "When you come to a place where you have to go left or right, go straight ahead."
> **–Kathleen Norris**


To the Class of 2008

Congratulations
and Best Wishes
from the
Office of Financial Aid

# Elisa D'Ortenzio

To Our Daughter Elisa,

Congratulations upon your graduation from St. Joseph's College! We are very proud of you!

As you continue your journey in pursuit of your dreams, our love will be with you wherever you go, near or far!

Our Love Always,
Mom and Dad

# Annamarie Rose Ciorciari

Dear Annamarie:
Congratulations on your college graduation! We are very proud of your accomplishments. We love the fine young woman you've become and we pray that God will continue to bless all your future endeavors and your success.

May the Lord bless and keep you.
May He Shine His face upon you and be gracious to you.
May He look upon you with kindness and always give you His peace.
Amen. (Numbers 6:24-26)

We love you always,
Mom and Dad, Nicole and Cadence

# Ryan Patricia Vazquez

Dear Ryan; Ry-Ry; Ryan-a-Trish; Trisha-a-Ry; Ry-Bread; Bubbalones; Midget:
We are all so very proud of you. You worked very hard for this wonderful day, so celebrate and enjoy all your achievements. May your future be as bright and happy as your smile. We all wish that good luck and good fortune light your future path. God bless you in all that you do.
We Love You So Very Much!
Mom, Dad, Lindsay, Kerry and Joseph

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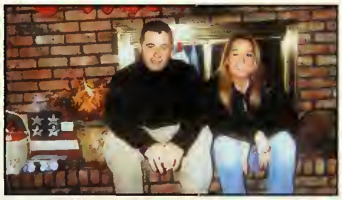
# Margaret Hayes



To Our Dear Daughter Margaret,
We want you to know how proud we are of you. We watched you grow over the years and enjoyed every step you took. No matter where you go or what you do, we will always be here for you and you will always be our little girl.
Love,
Mom and Dad

*To our dearest Afrodite,*

*Congratulations! We could not be more proud of the amazing young woman you have become. Your dedication and hard work have certainly paid off and we can't wait to watch you change the world – one child at a time!*

*Continue to follow your heart and your dreams and you will do wonders.*

*With lots of love,*

*Mom, Dad, Ren and Manny*

As I begin the next phase of my life well-equipped for the future, I am so grateful to those special teachers who helped me make it here:

Thank you so much Mrs. Pat Harner of P.S. 102, my wonderful kindergarten teacher and role model who taught me the most important lessons of life and continued to care as I grew up. Thank you for preparing me for "the places I will go." I aspire to always care and love children the way you have continued to do.

Special thanks to the Chemistry Department: S. Mary Maier, Dr. Jill Rehmann and Dr. Kone Marimou, three amazing women in science, for your continuing encouragement.

S. Mary, you are an amazing woman who has always shown Christ's love through you. I love you and am honored to have been your student. You gave to me what cannot be expressed in words and you will always have a very special place in my heart.

Thanks to the Education Department. S. John Raymond, S. Margaret Buckley, Marian Skabeikis and Valerie Quindlen, teachers of the future teachers. Your abounding knowledge and guidance have shaped the teacher that I have become.

And lastly, thank you Professor Rosemarie Hamlin of the Speech Department who helped me discover a profession that I never thought I would be intrigued by and come to love. You are wonderful, understanding and helpful. Thank you for your continuing support.

Sincerely,

Nicole Olsen-Nieves

# CONGRATULATIONS TO THE EDITORS OF *THE SPIRT AND FOOTPRINTS 2008* ON A JOB WELL DONE!

Christina Ament
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Sincerely,
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To the Graduates of the Class of 2008:

We are proud of your achievement. We hope you will remember what you have learned here and will now go out and share your gifts with the world. I pray for special blessings on all of you.

S. Margaret Buckley
Academic Dean

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Christopher:

Congratulations! We are so proud of you. Thank you for four more years of watching you play basketball and enjoying every minute of it. Good job honey!

Love,
Mom, Dad, Alex, Katie and Sko

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Bill,

Poet T.S. Eliot once wrote, "Only those who risk going too far can possibly find out how far one can go."
Congratulations on this great achievement!

All Our Best,
John, Cindy, Angelica

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William Carlson, M.S.

Billy,

Congratulations! You always work very hard and accomplish your goals. I am very proud of you. All my love and prayers,

Mom

Christina,

You are a shining star and we are so proud of you! We love you!

Aunt Maria, Uncle Matt, Michele, Elisa and Chloe

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Congratulations!

May God continue to watch over you and love you.

We love you,
Grandma and Grandpa Napoli

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Christina,

It's been four years, you made it through,
I'm glad I could spend it all with you;
Up late nights for papers and tests,
The diploma is sure worth the stress;
Congratulations is all I can say--
You made it to your Graduation Day!
I love you and am so proud! Keep up the great success!
Love,
Jesse

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Congratulations!

We are very proud of your accomplishments. We will always be with you!

Mom, Dad, David and Java

Congratulations Adam:

You have made us so proud, not only for your graduation, but also for all your other accomplishments: SGA President, Chapel Players, and everything else you have done. Keep reaching for the top!

Love,
Mom and Dan

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To Mom and Anthony: I love you both from the bottom of my heart. I could not have done this without you! You have been there and supported me through everything and I thank you for that. I know that I have made you and dad proud. I love you!
To Adam: We've been through so much together and I can't believe we finally made it. it seems like only yesterday that we were in Italian class and doing our first Chapel Players show--and now we 're graduating. But through it all, no matter what, you were always there for me. I'm sure that our friendship will never die. You know that I wish only the best for you with whatever you do. And don't worry, you'll be great!
To Jessica and Amanda: Can you believe we're graduating!!! i am going to miss you so much. All of our Child Study classes together are over, and we are finally finished. Even though we're all going our separate ways, we will always be friends. Love ya!
To Sherrie and Jaime: Thank you for all of your help and support throughout these four years. I will never forget my wonderful experiences working with you on SGA and CAB. You have helped me grow so much as a leader, teacher and individual. I will miss you!
To the Class of 2008: WE DID IT!!!
With Love,
Andrea

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Dearest Allyson,
We are so proud of your accomplishments over the past four years at St. Joseph's. You are a leader with strong determination and high aspirations for a bright future. Congratulations on your graduation!
All our love,
Mom, Dad, Matthew, Grandma, The Baldwins and the Shulls

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To Our Son Jack F. Spardo:

From the moment we saw you, we knew we would love you so much forever! We hope all your dreams come true and we wish you the best of luck. Be happy and keep up your outstanding work. May continued success follow your dreams with joy and with happiness. Congratulations and good luck.

With our heart forever, May God guide you and protect you in your life always.

Mom and Dad

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Dear Dad:
I am so proud of you! You are my true hero, my Aragon, my Maximus, my Braveheart. Enjoy your hard-earned success and always remember that your baby girl loves you. So here's to many more years of Sunday night Simpsons episodes, White Castle dinners and long car rides to Renaissance Faires that make Frodo's trip to Mt. Doom look easy. Congratulations!
Love,
Lee Anne

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Congratulations!
You are the best!
Love,
Gramps

Congratulations Bill Carlson:

I know that going for your Master's degree was a major commitment. There was much blood, sweat and tears behind your accomplishment. Well, I don't recall any tears and, for that matter, very little or perhaps no blood. However, I know it involved a lot of work, dedication, and yes...sweat.

Great Work!
Your Brother Jim

To Billy, my dear friend,

Congratulations to the wisest, kindest and most generous person I've ever known.

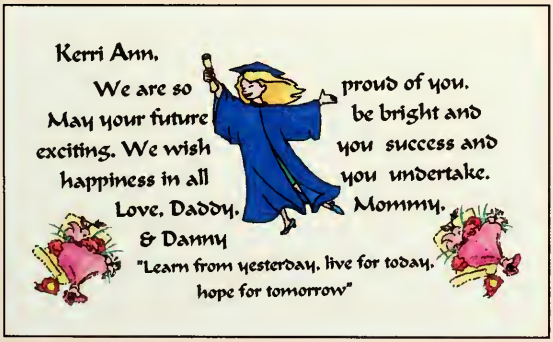
Love,
Arlene

Great Job Bill!

You have proven that prayer, perseverance, hard work and sacrifice do lead to success. Contratulations on achieving your Master's degree!

Rob

Dear Wayne (Wayman),
Congratulations! We knew you could do it. Dad, your brother and I are extremely proud of you. Hoping for nothing but the best for you, but most of all, we wish you love, happiness and success in the future.
Love,
Mom, Dad, Michael and Max




To My Jessica:
I could not be more proud of you. I thank God every day for giving you to me. I want you to always be happy and know that I am and always will be here for you. I love you more than all the stars in the sky, water in the ocean and sand on the beach. Just keep being you and the world is yours.
I love you forever and a day,
Mommy

Kristina R:

We are so proud of you! You will be a great teacher. We love you!

Dad, Mom and Family

Best of Luck
to the Outstanding
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